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FARM TRENDS

A summary of market and commodity news for the past week

by Dick Wanner

Merry Christmas to All!

We here at Lancaster Farming would like to wish you all a happy holiday season, and thank you for your interest in and support of our efforts over the past year.

Thanks For Your Replies

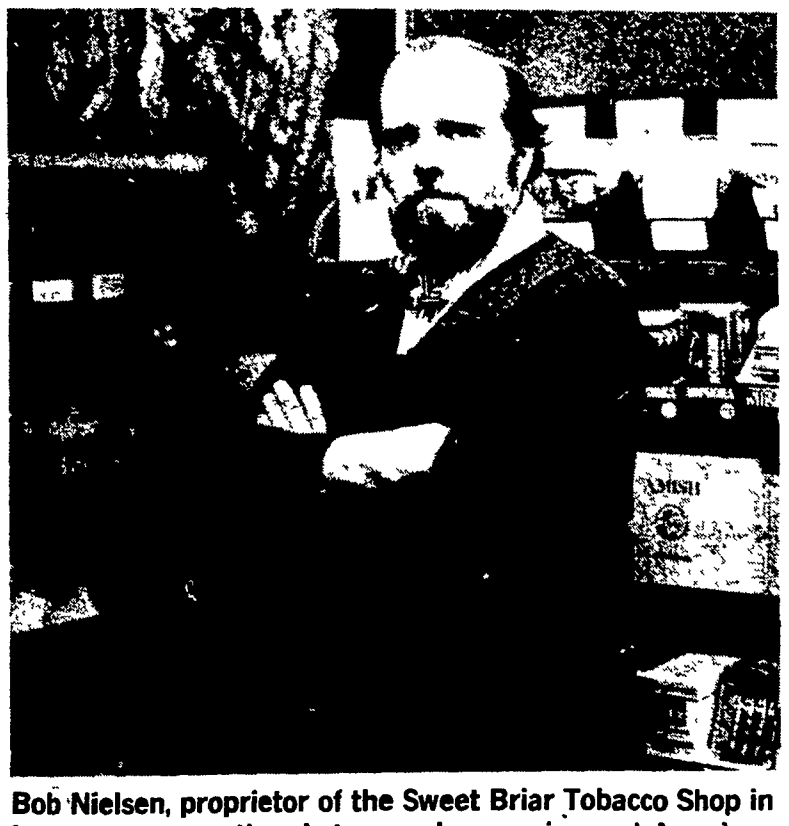
Last week we included a note on the front page asking readers to inform us if they received their papers after Saturday. We received a number of calls this past week, and we'd like to thank everyone who responded. Hopefully, these efforts will result in better deliveries to everyone.

Financial Outlook for -74

(The USDA's annual Outlook Conference was held last week in Washington. Predictions were flying fast and furious, and one of the most cogent was the prognostication offered by C. Kyle Randall, chairman of the Outlook and Situation Board, on farm financing for the coming year. His comments appear below.)

The value of assets in the farming sector as of January 1, 1974, will total $441 billion, up 15 percent from a year earlier. Farm real estate makes up 2-3 of these assets. Total debt claims against these assets at $80 billion were up 9 percent. With the value of assets increasing faster than debt, debt amounted to 18 percent of assets compared to 19 percent a year earlier. The ratio of net income from farm sources to total debt outstanding is one measure of farmers' ability to service their outstanding debt commitments. This ratio is expected to be about 36 percent by the end of 1973, up some 4 percentage points from the ratio reported for the end of 1972.

Farm real estate prices were rising rapidly in late 1972 and early 1973. They continued to rise sharply into November 1973. Preliminary data suggest that the November 1972 to November 1973 increase in per acre land prices averaged 20 percent nationally. This would be a record for land price increases in any 1-year period. It would mainly reflect farmer optimism over income and commodity prices and readily available but higher cost loan funds. Farm operators continue to buy land for enlargement purposes and invest in capital improvements. Land prices will continue rising sharply but the rate of increase will be below the rate of about a fifth anticipated for 1973.



Bob Nielsen, proprietor of the Sweet Briar Tobacco Shop in Intercourse, says there's too much paper in most American cigars. "Europeans, and even some Americans, can make an all-tobacco cigar that sells for a dime. Why can't the big companies do the same?" he wonders.

Local Survey Shows . . .

Ag Equipment Shortage Looms

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Local farm equipment dealers are forecasting a shortage of farm equipment next year. Their views are backed up both by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute in Chicago, and by Sperry New Holland, the local manufacturer that sells farm equipment around the world. In a Lancaster Farming survey, dealers contacted said, "Buy early, or you might not get what you want."

"Corn planters are on allocation to dealers, and most dealers have sold all the corn planters they can get," we were told by Mert Messick, an International Harvester dealer from Elizabethtown.

"Tractors are scarce, too," Messick said. "Some farmers have bought tractors from us even though it'll be some time before we can deliver. I'd say if anybody wants to buy any piece of farm equipment, he'd better get his order in now."

Four major factors are creating the machinery crunch, Messick feels. Farmers have had a good year, they've got more money and they're spending it. And the manufacturers are having trouble keeping up with the demand. With the end of the soil banks, more land is being put back into production, and that calls for more machines.

Perhaps the biggest reason local farmers are buying more and more machinery is that farm

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Agway's Hess Says . . .

For Higher Prices Grow Good Tobacco

"If farmers are willing to produce tobacco for markets other than the cigar filler market, they'll increase their average prices," Mark Hess, manager of Agway's Garden Spot Unit, said this week during a Lancaster Farming interview. Hess also heads up Agway's tobacco marketing effort for Type 41 tobacco, and was instrumental in getting the U. S. Department of Agriculture to set up a grading system for the crop in 1965.

"We can get a premium for our best tobacco," Hess continued, "but it won't come from the cigar filler buyers. Southern buyers will pay a premium, but we've got to give them the kind of tobacco they want." Hess was quick to point out that the Agway marketing effort channeled most of its tobacco to traditional cigar filler market, but because all Agway tobacco is graded, buyers who want a particular quality are able to get it and they're willing to pay extra for that choice.

Under the Agway setup, farmers sell their tobacco to Agway, at which time they get an advance cash payment. The advance is determined on the basis of the estimated selling price. The bulk of the crop will classify as X-grade, which is straight stripped or pull-off tobacco. X-1 is fine quality

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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, December 25
Merry Christmas

Thursday, December 27

1:00 p.m. - Lancaster County 4-H and FFA Corn and Tobacco Roundups, Farm and Home Center.

Lancaster County Swine Producers Board of Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center

"What This Country Needs Is A Good 10c Cigar . . ."

"Europeans produce a good, all-tobacco cigar. I don't see why American cigar companies can't do the same," Lancaster Farming was told in an interview with Bob Nielsen, proprietor of the Sweet Briar Smoke Shop in Intercourse. "I buy some all-tobacco cigars from P. T. Wattell in Red Lion, and I sell them for a dime. Dime cigars from the major companies, though, are loaded with paper. And a lot of them just aren't good smokes."

Nielsen feels the American cigar-buying public has been duped by advertising put out by the big cigar companies. "American tobacco products are made quick, fast and cheap. And they're loaded with paper. One man who worked for a cigarette company told me he saw paper made to look exactly like tobacco, and it had 27 different chemicals in it. Think that's good for your lungs?"

To illustrate his point about quality differences in cigars, Nielsen cut up one of his 25-cent European cigars and compared it with another one, a six-cent "second" from an American manufacturer. There were indeed chunks of paper in the American variety, and only tobacco in the European one. "All this paper produces a harsh smoke. But this," holding up the short, dark European cigar, "is a mild smoke. Even though it looks strong Do you want to try it?"

This writer must confess that while the Wanner family are good customers for Lancaster County milk, eggs, meat and produce, our contribution to the tobacco industry is nil. Nevertheless, in the interest of objective reporting, I felt compelled to at least attempt an evaluation of quality differences between American and European cigars Previous cigar-smoking experiences, usually occassioned by someone's baby, had left me with a bad taste in the mouth and even headaches. I was not predisposed to enjoy any cigar, no matter what the country of its origin. But - smoking that European cigar

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Local Livestock Market, Auction News

Lancaster Market

Monday, December 17

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep
Today	707	119	398	58
Last Monday	876	171	595	99
Last Year	459	204	1768	114

CATTLE: Compared to last Wednesday, slaughter steers steady to 1.00 higher; cows 1.00-2.00 higher; bullocks 50-1.00 higher; bulls strong to 1.00 higher. Supply included load Choice yield grade 2-3 1225 lb. bought to arrive at 44.50. There was 545 head in afternoon auction.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1100-1375 lb. yield grade 2-4 42.10-43.35, load yield grade 4-5 1550-1575 lb. 38.85-39.85; Choice 950-1350 lb. yield grade 2-4 41.50-43.10, yield grade 3-5 1200-1425 lb. 39.60-41.50; Good 39.25-41.35, few Standard 36.25-38.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice yield grade 3-4 900-950 lb. 39.50-39.75; Good 38.50-40.00.

COWS: Utility and high-dressing Cutter 34.00-36.50, few 36.50-37.25; Cutter 32.50-35.35; Canner and low-Cutter 30.35-31.75.

BULLOCKS: Choice 44.00-46.75; Good 41.00-44.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 1200-1700 lb. 43.35-46 35, few 46.60-47.85, couple 1445-1795 lb. 49.60-50.00; yield grade 2 41.50-44.00.

VEAL CALVES: Vealers 1.00-2.00 higher.

VEALERS: Prime 80.00-85.00; Choice 70.00-78.00; Good 61.00-70.00; Standard 48.00-60.00; Utility 90-120 lb. 38.00-45.00, 65-85 lb. 35.00-40.00.

SHEEP: Wooled lambs fully steady.

WOOLED LAMBS: Choice 70-95 lb. 38.00-38.50; Good 34.00-38.00.

Vintage Auction

Tuesday, December 18

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
Today	560	510	24
Last Week	694	671	8
Last Year	654	767	6

CATTLE: Compared to last Tuesday, slaughter steers 1.00-2.00 higher; cows 2.00-4.00 higher; bulls 1.00-2.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High-Choice and Prime 1450-1600 lb. yield grade 4-5 36.00- 38.50, few 38.50-40.00, few yield grade 5 34.75-36.00; Choice 950-1325 lb. yield grade 2-4 41.75-44.75, few head 45.00-45.75; Choice 1300-1425 lb. yield grade 3-4 38.50-41.00; Good 39.00-42.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Good 800-1000 lb. 36.50-38.00, few Choice 38.75-40.35.

COWS: Utility and high-dressing Cutter 34.50-37.00, few 37.00-38.00; Cutter 33.00-35.75; Canner and low-Cutter 30.00-32.50

BULLS: Yield grade 1 1200-1600 lb. 43.00-46.00, few 46.00-47.00; yield grade 2 1000-1500 lb. 41.25-43.50, few 39.75-41.00.

VEAL CLAVES: Vealers steady to weak with Prime in short supply, Utility fully steady.

VEALERS: Prime 79.00-81.00, individual 88.00; Choice 70.00-78.00; Good 60.00-68.00; Standard 50.00-60.00; Utility 90-120 lb. 38.50-46.00, 80-90 lb. 35.00-38.00, 60-80 lb. 25.00-35.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 80-115 lb. Holstein heifers 70.00-78.00; bulk 100-120 lb. bull calves 55.00-65.00.

SHEEP: Supply mainly slaughter ewes selling fully steady.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 13.00-17.50, few 18.00-20.00.

Lancaster Auction

Wednesday, December 19

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep
Today	595	103	660	34
Last Week	740	89	701	23
Last Year	534	86	803	15
Wednesday's Auction	563	104	660	33
Last Wed.'s Auction	437	106	667	23

CATTLE: Compared to Monday, slaughter steers mostly steady, instances 50 lower; cows fully steady, instances 50 higher; bulls steady to weak.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High-Choice and Prime 1075-1325 lb. yield grade 3-4 42.00-43.00; high-Choice and Prime 1350-1450 lb. yield grade 4-5 39.00-40.10, lot 1510 lb. 36.85; Choice 950-1300 lb. yield grade 2-4 41.50-43.00, few 43.00-43.50, couple yield grade 2 44.75-45.85; Choice 1200-1400 lb. yield grade 3-5 39.00-41.00; Good 39.50-41.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Choice 900-1050 lb. 38.75-40.25.

COWS: Utility and high-dressing Cutter 34.50-36.60, few 36.60-37.75; Cutter 32.35-35.50.

BULLOCKS: Good and Choice 950-1250 lb. 43.00-45.25.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 1100-1600 lb. 43.00-46.00, few 46.85-47.35; yield grade 2 1000-1400 lb. 40.60-43.50.

VEAL CALVES: Vealers steady to 2.00 lower, although Prime absent.

VEALERS: Choice 68.00-75.00, individual 78.00; Good 58.00-67.00; Standard 48.00-59.00; Utility 90-120 lb. 38.00-45.00, few 65-85 lb. 30.00-37.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good 300-425 lb. 43.00-47.00, couple Choice 47.00-50.00; Standard 35.00-43.00.

SHEEP: Small supply slaughter lambs and slaughter ewes fully steady.

WOOLED LAMBS: Lot Choice 85 lb. 39.50, and lot Choice and Prime 105 lb. 42.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Small lot Utility and Good 17.00.

New Holland Horse Auction

Monday, December 17

Reported receipts of 242 head of horses, mules and ponies, Market steady with last week's market.

Load Kansas riding horses 170-480.

Local consigned work horses, 295-425; driving horses 150-210; riding horses 150-210; better horses 225-400.

Lightweight killers 10-12; heavyweight killers 19-21.

Mare ponies 15-35; colts 5-8; geldings 15-30; larger ponies 40-65.

New Holland Auction

Thursday, December 20

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
Today	745	590	15
Last Week	690	484	6
Last Year	463	412	3

CATTLE: Compared to last Thursday, slaughter steers mostly steady; cows 1.00 to mostly 2.00 higher; bulls fully steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 950-1300 lb. 41.50-45.00, few mainly yield grade 2 45.25-46.50; Choice yield grade 3-5 1375-1550 lb. 38.00-41.00; Good 39.75-43.25; few Standard 37.00-39.00.

COWS: Utility and high-dressing Cutter 36.00-38.50, several 38.75-39.75, with a couple at 40.00-40.50; Cutter 33.75-36.50; Canner and low-Cutter 31.00-33.50.

BULLOCKS: Choice 900-1250 lb. 44.50-45.75, few 46.85-47.50; Good 42.00-44.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 1100-1700 lb. 43.50-46.50, few 47.25-49.25, individual 1650 lb. 50.00; yield grade 2 1000-1500 lb. 41.00-43.50.

VEAL CALVES: Vealers mostly steady, although instances 2.00 higher on Utility.

VEALERS: Prime 76.00-80.00, couple 89.00-89.50; Choice 68.00-77.00; Good 60.00-68.00; Standard 48.00-58.00; Utility 90-120 lb. 40.00-47.00, 65-85 lb. 35.00-41.00.

SHEEP: Small supply wooled lambs 1.00-2.00 higher.

WOOLED LAMBS: Choice 60-85 lb. 38.00-42.00; Good 33.00-35.00.

Monday, Dec. 17

Calf Receipts - 90

Choice and Prime 73-78; Standard 56-67.50; Good and Low Choice 68-72.50; Common 35-55.50.

Monday, Dec. 17

7 loads of Hay sold as follows (prices per ton):

Timothy, couple loads 39.50-51.00; Mixed hay, few loads 43.00-64.00; Straw, two loads 40.00 and 46.00; Corn Fodder, one load at 35.00.

New Holland Dairy Auction

Wednesday, December 19

Reported receipts of 165 cows, 12 heifers and 14 bulls. Market lower than last week's market.

Two loads New York State and Canada cows, fresh 790-920; springers 670-1120.

Load Vermont cows, fresh 585-790.

Load Pennsylvania cows, fresh, 750-1000.

Maryland herd dispersal of 40 head, all stages of production 380-930.

Montgomery County herd dispersal of 20 head, all stages of production 350-760.

Locally consigned cows 350-700.

Springing heifers 450-585.

Bulls 225-585.

Composite Report

Weekly, December 21

	Cattle	Calves
This Week	3100	1350
Last Week	3425	1422
Last Year	2314	1483

CATTLE: Slaughter steers steady with last week's close; cows 1.00-2.00 higher, instances 4.00 higher; bulls fully steady, instances 50 higher. Supply included an estimated 35 per cent slaughter steers, 30 per cent cows, 10 per cent bulls, with the balance mainly feeder steers.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High-Choice and Prime 1075-1375 lb. yield grade 2-4 42.00-43.35, high-Choice and Prime 1450-1600 lb. yield grade 4-5 36.00-39.85, few yield grade 5 1600-1700 lb. 34.75-36.00; Choice 950-1300 lb. yield grade 2-4 41.50-43.00, few 43.00-45.00, with a couple 45.00-46.50, Choice yield grade 3-5 1375-1550 lb. 38.00-41.50; Good 39.00-42.50; few Standard 36.25-39.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice yield grade 3-4 900-1050 lb. 38.75-40.35; Good 36.00-40.00.

COWS: Utility and high-dressing Cutter closed the week at 36.00-38.50, several 38.75-39.75, with a couple at 40.00-40.50; Cutter 33.75-36.50; Canner and low-Cutter 31.00-33.50.

BULLOCKS: Choice 900-1250 lb. 43.50-45.75, few 46.75-47.50; Good 41.00-44.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 1100-1700 lb. 43.00-46.50, few 47.25-49.25, individual 1650 lb. 50.00; yield grade 2 1000-1500 lb. 41.00-43.50, few 39.75-41.00.

VEAL CALVES: Vealers unevenly steady, although closing sales Utility strong to 2.00 higher.

VEALERS: Prime 76.00-80.00, few 84.00-89.50; Choice 68.00-78.00; Good 60.00-68.00; Standard 48.00-58.00; Utility 90-120 lb. 38.50-47.00, 65-85 lb. 35.00-41.00, few 60-70 lb. 25.00-35.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good 300-425 lb. 43.00-47.00, few Choice 47.00-55.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 80-115 lb. Holstein heifers 70.00-78.00; bulk 100-120 lb. bull calves 55.00-65.00.

NOTICE
HOLIDAY MARKET SCHEDULE

NEW HOLLAND SALES STABLES

The only sale to be held at New Holland on Monday, Dec. 24 will be a hog sale at 10:00 A.M.

There will be NO Horse Auction Mon., Dec. 24.

There will be NO Dairy Auction on Wed., Dec. 26.

VINTAGE SALES STABLES

No Sale at Vintage Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Hog Sale on Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 9:00 A.M.

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Hog Prices

Lancaster Auction

Wednesday, December 19

Barrows and gilts 2.00-3.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1 210-240 lb. 47.00; US 1-2 200-240 lb. 45.75-46.00; US 2-3 195-255 lb. 45.25-45.75.

Vintage Auction

Saturday, December 15

HOGS 1251: Compared with last Saturday's market. Barrows & Gilts $1 to $2 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 43.85-44.35, 2 lots 44.75, No. 1-3 195-240 lbs. 43.00-43.75, No. 2-3 190-260 lbs. 42.10-42.85, No. 2-4 295-340 lbs. 36.00-38.75, No. 2-4 110-165 lbs. 39.00-40.60. SOWS: US No. 1-3 212-255 lbs. 35.00-36.60, No. 1-3 345-525 lbs. 31.30-33.25. Boars 115-275 lbs. 32.00-40.00.

Wednesday, December 19

HOGS 450: Compared with last Wednesday's market. Barrows & Gilts unevenly steady. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 45.00-46.50, few to 46.75, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 44.00-45.00. SOWS: US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 30.00-34.00. Boars: Light 34.00-38.00

Lancaster Market

Monday, December 17

Barrows and gilts very uneven, averaging steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 200-240 lb. 44.00-45.00; few US 1 200-240 lb. 45.00-45.50; US 2-3 190-255 lb. 42.00-43.50.

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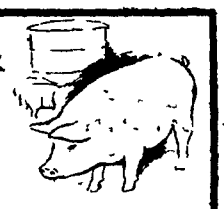

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New Holland Auction

Monday, December 17

HOGS 760: Compared with last Monday's market. Barrows & Gilts Mostly $1 to $2 higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 46.00-47.00, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 44.50-46.00, No. 2-3 220-260 lbs. 42.00-44.50, No. 2-4 160-190 lbs. 42.00-44.50. SOWS: US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 31.50-36.00. Boars 30.50-33.60.

Lebanon Valley Auction

Tuesday, December 18

260 Hogs

Barrows & Gilts 50 cents to $1 higher. US 1-3 200-235 pounds 43.85-44.35, 2-3 200-255 43.00-43.85, lot 2-4 250 42.35. Few US 1-3 400-500 pounds sows 34.60-35.25. Few Boars 33.00-35.00.

9 Feeder Pigs

Not enough of any one grade to establish a market.

St. Louis Auction

HOGS: 1600.

Barrows and gilts about steady on limited sales under 240 lb.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-3 200-240 lb. 43.00-44.00.

Peoria Auction

HOGS: 2000.

Trading very slow, market not established.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-3, few sales 200-240 lb. 41.50-42.00.

Indianapolis Auction

HOGS: 1000.

Barrows and gilts 1.00 higher, trading active.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 200-230 lb. 44.00-44.25; US 1-3 200-240 lb. 43.00-44.00; US 2-3 240-260 lb. 42.00-43.00.

Green Dragon Hay

December 14

54 loads of hay including: Alfalfa, few loads 47.00-68.50, one load at 91.00; Timothy 31.00-43.00; Mixed hay 31.00-50.00, one load at 58.50; Stubble hay, two loads 33.50 and 35.00.

16 loads straw 39.00-48.50.

Corn, six loads 68.00-70.00.

Oats, one load 1.45 per bushel.

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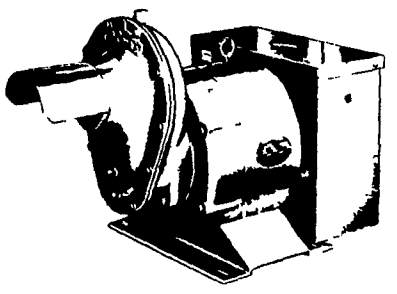

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New York Dressed Meats

Thursday, December 20

Daily distributive - less than carlot meat trade.

Compared with Wednesday: Steer and heifer beef closing out at high quotation for week. Small stock classes steady, pork loins and butts $5.00 or more advanced, picnics $2.00 higher, spareribs steady, hams $2.00 lower.

Supplies relatively small in all divisions. Moderately broad demand for beef hinds, rounds and ribs along with pork loins. Current receipts of fresh meats will be well cleared before close of long pre-holiday weekend.

Steer Beef

Prime 600-900 pounds 70.00; Choice 600-700 69.00; 700-800 69.00; 800-900 66.00. Good 500-800 65.00.

Heifer Beef

Choice 500-700 pounds 69.00.

Calf (Skin Off)

150-350 pounds

Choice 97.00-100.00; Good 86.00-95.00; Standard 80.00-86.00.

Veal (Skin Off)

Choice 90-150 pounds 112.00-115.00; Good 60-90 100.00-107.00; Standard 60-120 85.00-90.00.

Lamb

Choice and Prime 30-55 pounds 78.00; 55-65 74.00.

Choice Beef Cuts

Hinds (steer) 145-190 pounds 79.00-81.00; Arm Chucks 90-105 61.00-64.00; Ribs (7-rib) 34-40 85.00-88.00; Loins (trmd) 50-70 96.00-100.00; Rounds (steer) 70-95 85.00-88.00; Full Plates 42.00; Hinds (heifer) 120-170 77.00-79.00.

Fresh Pork Cuts

Loins (regular) 8-14 pounds 86.00-88.00; 14-17 84.00-86.00; Picnics (regular) 4-8 56.50-59.50; Boston Butts 4-8 70.00-73.00; Spareribs 3 pounds down 72.00-76.00; Hams (skinned) 14-17 79.00-81.00; 17-20 74.00-76.00.

Lebanon Valley Auction

Tuesday, December 18

207 Cattle

Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter cows $2 to $4 higher. Slaughter bullocks 75 cents to $1 higher. Few Choice 1000-1200 pounds slaughter steers 42.10-43.85, few Good 39.50-43.00, few Standard 39.10-41.35. Individual Choice slaughter heifers at 43.50, few Good 38.75-40.00. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 36.00-38.60, Cutters 34.00-36.00, Canners 31.25-34.00, Shells down to 29.00. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 47.10-49.25, Good 43.85-45.75, Standard 41.75-44.00, Utility 36.50-39.50. Yield Grade 1-2 1200-1550 pounds slaughter bulls 43.00-44.85.

200 Vealer Calves

Vealers grading Good $4 lower, Utility & Standard $1 to $2 lower. Two Prime vealers 70.00, few Choice 64.00-67.00, Good 56.00-61.00, Standard 50.00-55.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 39.00-45.00, 70-85 35.00-39.00. Farm calves, Holstein bulls 90-120 44.00-56.00; Holstein heifers 90-130 50.00-70.00

Regional Hay Prices

Monday, December 17, 1973

(All hay No. 2 and better prices paid by dealers at the farm price per ton.)

Hay & Straw steady to strong.

Alfalfa	55.00-60.00
Mixed Hay	40.00-50.00
Timothy Hay	30.00-40.00
Straw	35.00-40.00
Mulch	15.00-25.00

Futures Trading

(Closing bids as of Thursday, December 20)

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	Chicago Fresh Eggs
December	41.30	44.45		
January '74				56.20
February	46.35	43.90		48.60
March			8.58	47.20
April	48.25	43.00	8.95	46.15
May			9.82	43.75
June	48.65	44.90		44.90
July		45.70		
August	48.10	44.60		
October	47.25	42.40		
November			5.42	
December		42.40		

Trend — Cattle are Lower, Hogs are Lower, Potatoes are Mixed, and Eggs are Mixed.

a-asked b-bid n-normal

Markets provided by Commodity Dept., Reynolds Securities, Inc.

Oklahoma City

Thursday, December 20

Estimated Receipts	1,500
Same Day Last Week	6,633
Same Day Last Year	5,615

Salable receipts sharply curtailed due to storm conditions over most of the marketing area yesterday resulting in hazardous road conditions. Trading moderately active on the limited supply, feeder cattle and calves somewhat uneven, averaging about steady; supply mainly Good and Choice 350-750 pound steers and 300-625 pound heifers; Moderate attendance buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Small lots Choice, few Prime 350-400 pounds 59.90-60.80; 400-475 54.25-59.90; 500-600 49.00-54.00; 640-730 47.00-49.90, small lot 871 at 45.40; Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 51.75-54.75; 500-625 46.25-48.50, small lot 794 at 45.00; Good 300-500 45.25-49.75; few 600-735 41.25-43.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Good 416-481 41.75-44.00; 562-937 37.00-41.30.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 275-356 pound 47.00-48.75; 400-500 43.25-45.75; 500-600 42.75-43.60; few 600-625 40.50-43.00; Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 40.75-45.25; Good 500-700 34.00-39.50.

For the week: Compared to late last week, feeder cattle and calves strong to mostly 1.00 higher with some sales on choice offerings 2.00 higher; Cow numbers moderately reduced and fully 2.50-4.00 higher; Bulls in small supply and 1.50-2.00 higher. Salable receipts near 7,400 head compared to 14,833 last week and 14,452 the comparable week a year ago. Cows 28 percent cattle receipts; feeders 73 percent of total.

Great Lakes

The biggest of the Great Lakes, the well-named Superior, accounts for nearly a third of the total 31,700 square miles. It holds 2,935 cubic miles of water, and its depth at one point drops to 1,333 feet, making it the deepest of the five.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, December 20

CATTLE: Receipts this week 5600, last week 8000, and last year 6700. Compared with last weeks close, slaughter steers fully 50, instances 1.00 higher. Slaughter heifers fully 50 higher. Cows 1.00 - instances 2.00 higher. Bulls fully steady.

Receipts 65 percent slaughter steers, 25 percent heifers and the balance mostly cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 1150-1270 pounds yield grade 3-4, 38.50-40.00, late 39.00-40.00. Three loads Choice and Prime 1320-1370 4-5, 36.50-37.00. Choice 950-1200 2-4, 39.50-41.50; Load 42.00. Choice 1200-1300 3-4, 39.00-39.50. Mixed Good and Choice 900-1250 38.00-39.50. Good 37.00-38.00. Load Standard and Good Holsteins 36.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 900-1100 pounds yield grade 3-4, 38.00-39.50. Choice and Prime 1000-1175 4-5, 36.00-37.00. Choice 800-1050 2-4, 38.50-40.25. Couple loads 40.50. Mixed Good and Choice 750-1100 37.50-38.50. Good 36.00-37.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 27.00-33.00. High dressing Utility 33.50-34.00. Cutter 26.00-31.00. Canner 24.00-26.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2, 1100-1800 pounds 37.00-40.00. Individual yield grade 1, 42.00.

U. S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
Week-to-date	459,000	1,168,000	122,000
Same period last week	485,000	1,160,000	117,000
Same period last year	470,000	1,209,000	138,000

Local Grain

Thursday, December 20

These prices are made up of the average prices quoted by five participating local feed and grain concerns. It should be noted, however, that not every dealer handles each commodity. All prices are per bushel except ear corn which is per ton.

The average local grain prices quoted Thursday, December 20, 1973, are as follows:

	Bid+	Offered+
Ear Corn, New	59.00	68.00
Shelled Corn	2.86	3.06
Oats, Local	1.15	1.60
Oats, Western	1.74	1.88
Barley	2.35	2.57
Wheat	4.24	4.62
Soybeans	5.43	5.85

+Bid is the price the dealer will buy from the farmer delivered to the mill. Offered is the price the dealer will sell for at his mill

Poultry Market Reports

New England Weekly Shell Egg Report

Tuesday, December 18

Prices paid per dozen Grade "A" brown eggs in cartons delivered to retail stores·

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MASS+	76-80	75-79	73-77	60-64
Mostly	78-80	77-79	75-77	62-64
NEW HAMP	76-83	75-82	73-80	60-67
Mostly	78-79	77-78	75-76	62-63
R. I	79-80	79-80	75-76	64-65
Mostly				
VERMONT	78-85	77-83	75-79	TOO FEW
Mostly				
MAINE	78-80	77-79	75-77	62-64
Mostly				

+Includes Central & Western Sections Only.

Nest Run Eggs

Prices are from Egg Clearinghouse, Inc., (ECI) Durham, N.H. and reflect trading prices for gradeable nest run eggs (GNR) on ECI, a nationwide trading center for producers, packers and marketers. GNR eggs are classified by weight in 30-dozen cases, and traded in lots of either 300 or 750 cases. Prices are FOB buyers dock, and are computed Tuesday and Thursday of each week. This week's prices for each classification were:

Classification	New Weight Per Case	Tuesday	Thursday
Extra Large	51 lbs	0	0
Class 1 - Large	48 lbs	68	68
Class 3 - Medium	42 lbs.	67	67
Class 4 - Small	39 lbs.	60	60
Breaking Stock	48 lbs.	56	56
Checks	48 lbs.	46	45

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, December 20

Cattle -- compared with last weeks close, Slaughter steers 2.00-2 50 higher and heifers 2 50-2.75 higher. Cows 2.50-3 50 higher Bulls strong to 1 00 higher Small feeder supply 1 00-1.50 higher, supply mainly partly fattened two-way steers.

Four day receipts 19,600 as compared 18,200 previous week and 22,500 a year ago with Wednesday's supply held to 3400 by severe storm conditions Slaughter steers 42 percent, heifers 37 percent, cows 10 percent and feeders 9 percent Fed cattle prices surged upward under a good demand by all buying interests After sharp upswing on opening session, only minimal downturns enforced on expanded Tuesday run of 8200 and substantial advances noted on curtailed midweek supply in frenzied activity to acquire numbers for immedial requirements as storm conditions seriously impeded livestock movement Canadian buyers aggressive for 1000-1200 pounds steers of yield grade 2-3 while feeder buyers quite competitive for partly fattened steers suitable for short turn in feedlot There was noticeable less pressure on loadlots mixed yield grade 3-4 steers weighing 1150-1250 pounds Overall finish steers and heifers attractive with numerous loads High-Choice and Prime included but many carried considerable mud

STEERS At midweek high time, two loads high-Choice and Prime 1164-1218 pounds yield grade 3-4 41 25, several loads same grade 1116-1200 41 00, two loads 1175-1196 grade 4 40 00-40 50 Choice 975-1150 2-4 closed 40 00-41 00, Two loads Choice 997-1050 2-3 41 25-41 50 Choice 1150-1340 3-4 39 00-40 50, load 1350 4-5 36 50 Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 39 00-40 50 Good 38 00-39 00 Standard and low-Good 37 00-38 00

Average cost slaughter steers first three days 39 46 average weight 1171 pounds as compared 37 12 and 1155 pounds previous week and 36 44 and 1159 pounds a year ago.

HEIFERS· Moderate volume high-Choice and Prime 948-1171 pounds yield grade 3-4 40.00-40 35. Choice 850-1100 2-4 39.00-40 00. Mixed Good and Choice 800-1000 38 00-39 00. Good 36 00-38.00 Standard and Good 34 50-36 00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 31 00-33.00, Utility dairybreds 33 25-33 50, few 33.75 Canner and Cutter 39 00-31 00, mixed Cutter and low-Utility 31 25-32 00

BULLS: Yield grade 1 & 2 1400-1800 pounds 39 00-41 00, few 41 25-41 50

Feeders prices 1 00-1 50 higher, largely in reflection of advancing slaughter cattle prices Outshipments approximately 1700 head as compared 1200 head previous week

STEERS Load Choice 490 pounds 52 00 Few consignments Choice 589-776 45 00-47 00 Part load Choice and Prime 925 45 00 Load Choice and Prime 1060 fleshy 41 00 Choice 929-1108 40 00-41 25 high-Good and Choice 950-1050 39 00-40 50

HEIFERS Load Choice 457 pounds 48 00, short load Choice 583 42 50

Egg Market

Wednesday, December 19
Philadelphia Eggs

Prices Steady. Cartoning demand fairly good on all sizes. Offerings of Extra large fully adequate; Large adequate; Mediums barely adequate to short Undertone steady though cautious.

Prices to retailers: Sales to volume buyers, consumer grades white eggs in cartons.

	Delivered	Store Door
A Extra Large	78	80½
A Large	77	79½
A Medium	74	76½

Eastern Pa. & N.J.

Wednesday, December 19
Live Poultry

Prices steady though many advance bookings for January pick-up noted at an open price Offerings ample for current needs as most plants will not be operating full time during the holiday period. Demand Good Offerings of heavy type ample for light needs

Prices paid at farm·

Light type hens 11-14½, mostly 13½-14 in Pa., Mostly 13½-14½ in N.J Heavy type hens TFEWR.

Delmarva

Wednesday, December 19
Broiler-Fryer Market

Ready to cook movement fairly good for current needs, Advance interest actively lining up needs for the next two weeks while slaughter schedules will be sharply reduced nationally Less than trucklot prices with weights increasing at most plants Undertone very firm

Negotiated trucklot prices 2-3 lb ready to cook broiler-fryers for delivery next week Plant Grade 38-39

Pool trucklot prices for Thursday arrival US Grade A 37-42, mostly 37; Plant Grade 36-40, mostly 36.

Eliminate Ice and Snow Problems

Clean snow and ice from tractor platforms, steps, axles and pedals, advises the Extension Safety Committee of The Pennsylvania State University And keep your boots free of ice and snow to insure solid contact on the pedals, they add

Weekly New York Egg Market

From Monday, December 17th to Friday, December 21

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Fcy. Ex. Large	74	74	74	74	74
Large	74	74	74	74	74
Mediums	73	73	73	73	73
Pullets	67	67	67	67	67
Peewees	50	50	50	50	50
BROWN					
Fcy. Large	74	74	74	74	74
Mediums	Unquoted				
Pullets	Unquoted				
Peewees	Unquoted				
Off Grade Large	69	69	69	69	69
Checks	44	44	44	44	44

Long Tone — Mixed, Mediums more readily available, Jumbos slow, balance usually cleared

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Pa. Broiler Placements Hold Steady

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending December 15, 1973 were 1,202,000. The placements were approximately the same as the corresponding week a year earlier, but 2 percent below the previous week Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 16 percent above a year earlier.

Settings for broiler chicks were 2,048,000 - 3 percent above the previous week and 15 percent above the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 12 percent above the same period a year ago. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 100 compared with 9,000 a year ago

Outshipments averaged 264,000 during the past 10 weeks, 28 percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 States were 58,000,000 - 1 percent below the previous week but 1 percent above the same week a year earlier Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 1 percent above a year ago.

Settings were 73,124,000 - 8 percent above the previous week and 5 percent above a year earlier The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent above the comparable period a year ago

Fogelsville

December 18, 1973
(Prices paid dock weights cents per lb)

No market report available due to delay of mail.

Poultry received Monday 7 p.m. to 10:30 p m. Tuesday 7 a m. to 12 Noon. Sale at 11:30 a.m

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Tobacco -

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straight stripped, X-2 is good quality and X-3 is low quality.

Y grades, Y-1 and Y-2, are used to describe farm filler crops and N grades, N-1, N-2 and No-G are for frozen, substandard or contaminated leaves.

The very finest quality tobacco, C-1, is fine quality stripper, or wrapper, leaves, and these command the highest price. The premium paid last year for C-1, for example, was two to three cents a pound more than the price of X-1 tobacco.

"Grading is an asset to the industry," Hess says, "because it lets the manufacturer adjust his operation to take into account the kind of tobacco he's using. And the cheapest place to grade tobacco is on the farm while it's being baled.

"In most years, the bulk of the crop will be sold as X-grade. Quite often, tobacco from a particular farm won't warrant the extra time it takes to get the C-1 classification. But if a farmer has a very good crop, it should certainly pay him to try for the higher grade. It usually doesn't take that much extra time, sometimes only a few extra hours. Depending on what the price differential is, a farmer might be getting $30 to $60 more per ton for his added effort."

Hess said that many farmers could easily sell their crop under two grade classifications and boost their average price per pound. Last year, in fact, there was one grower who sold five different grades to the marketing cooperative.

Agway presently buys about ten percent of the Type 41 tobacco grown locally, and everything that comes into the warehouses is graded Most of the tobacco not bought by Agway is sold on what Hess calls the "one-price system". The one price system penalizes the man who grows a good crop, Hess feels, because his check is smaller than it should be. And it rewards the man who turns out the worst tobacco because he actually gets more than his crop is worth. This system also encourages sloppy management, Hess feels, because it doesn't provide any incentive for trying to get a quality crop.

Hess said that if local tobacco growers want to, they can continue to service their traditional cigar filler market while at the same time expanding to fill the needs of southern buyers. He said foreign cigar tobaccos are being used in more and more American products, and that the rise in small cigars has also hurt tobacco consumption.

"Since 1966, production of Type 41 tobacco has been reduced by about one-third," Hess commented. "If growers want to keep on growing tobacco in Lancaster County, they'll have to start producing some product for better markets, and they'll have to produce a quality crop."

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The Golden Delicious is not only perfect for fresh eating, but is also excellent for pies, salads, sauce and baking, even when past the shelf life stage for eating our of hand, says Dr. Loren D. Tukey, Professor of Pomology at The Pennsylvania State University.

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THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 24-30, 1973

Merry Christmas to you all.

Be of good cheer, live another year . . . "Silent Night" composed Dec. 24, 1818 . . . New moon Dec. 24 . . . Annular Eclipse of the Sun Dec. 24, visible as a partial eclipse from the eastern two-thirds of the U.S. Maximum phase will occur at 10:09 AM EST . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 5 minutes . . . First U.S. postage stamps used Dec. 30, 1847 . . . Battle of Wounded Knee Creek Dec. 29, 1847 . . . What have you done? The year is gone.

Ask the Old Farmer: Can you tell me anything about the term "funeral chair?" I recently purchased two chairs and found this written on the bottom .

A.K., Batavia, N.Y.

When I was a small boy, there were very few modern conveniences in our section. Many funerals were held in private homes and certain men in the community had chairs which they would lend for such occasions. They had to be in good, sound condition, with no squeaky joints which might disturb the services.

Home Hints: Use marshmallows as candleholders to keep birthday candle wax off the frosting . . . Moths won't come into your closet if you keep dried orange peel on the shelf.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week begins partly cloudy and cold along coast with light snow in mountains, then clearing; clear latter part, then rain and snow along coast and 8-10" snow in mountains.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Mostly clear and raw to start, then freezing rain; rain continues to end of week.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clear and mild at first, then cloudy and colder with light freezing rain; end of week cold and rainy.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Week begins clear and not as cool, then clouding up; rainy and cool latter part.
Florida: Clear with slight warming at first, then light rain in south; end of week mild with scattered showers in central region.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: First part of week partly clear and cold in east and light snow showers in west; light snow changing to rain latter part.
Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins partly sunny and cool, then rain; cold light rain end of week.
Deep South: Sunny with warming trend to start, then rain; rain continuing to end of week.
Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Partly clear at first, then increasing clouds; heavy rain latter part, then freezing rain.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Week begins partly clear in east, then light snow throughout region continuing to end of week.
Central Great Plains: Clear and mild to start, then rain in east and south and 1-3" snow in west; light rain or freezing rain in east and south latter part, snow in west and north.
Texas-Oklahoma: Rain to start, heavy inland, then very cool; end of week rainy along Gulf and flurries in north.
Rocky Mountain Region: First part of week rainy or rain mixed with snow; end of week unseasonably cold with 3-5" snow in central and east.
Southwest Desert: Week begins generally cloudy and cool, then rain; end of week cloudy, then becoming partially clear and cool.
Pacific Northwest: Cloudy to start, then rain and 26-30" snow in mountains; rain possibly mixed with snow latter part.
California: Heavy rain in north and heavy snow in mountains at first, then mostly cloudy and light rain in north; variable cloudiness all week in south.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
19 Livestock Markets
Week Ending December 14

CATTLE 4961.Compared with 5611 head last week, and 5385 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers uneven, spots $1 higher to 50 cents lower. Slaughter cows mostly steady to $1 lower Slaughter bulls & bullocks unevenly steady.

STEERS: Choice 39.75-42.50, Good 38.75-41.25, Standard 37.00-39.25, few Utility 34.50-37.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 38.00-40.00, Good 36.75-38.50, Standard 35.00-37.50, few Utility 32.00-35.00.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 32.25-34.35, few to 36.75, Cutters 30.50-32.75, Canners 28.25-30.75, Shells down to 22.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 43.00-46.00, Good 41.35-43.50, Standard 39.00-41.00, few Utility 35.00-39.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 950-1200 pounds 38.00-41.00, yield grade 1-2 1200-2000 41.00-43.00, few to 44.85.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 285-550 pounds feeder steers 43.00-50.00, Medium 300-700 38 00-45.00; Good 300-450 feeder heifers 40.00-47 00.

CALVES 3903. Compared with 4208 head last week, and 4205 head a year ago. Vealers steady to $2 higher.

VEALERS· Prime 75 50-80.50 few to 85.00, Choice 70 00-75.50, Good 62.50-70.00, Standard 55.00-60.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 39.00-48.00, 70-85 33.00-40.00 Farm calves Holstein bulls 85-130 46.00-60.00; holstein heifers 85-150 48.00-75.00

HOGS 5747. Compared with 6422 head last week, and 0 head a year ago - (hog cholera quarantine). Barrows & Gilts 50 cents to $1.75 higher.

BARROWS & GILTS: US 1-2 200-240 pounds 42.75-43.50, few to 44.00, 1-3 200-250 41.75-42.75, 2-3 200-260 40.50-41.75, 2-4 250-300 37.50-39.50, 2-4 130-190 36.00-39.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-550 pounds 33.75-36.75, 2-3 300-600 29 75-33.75. Boars 26.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 795. Compared with 1544 head last week, and 0 head a year ago - (hog cholera quarantine). US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 12.00-22.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 22.00-33.00, 1-3 50-80 29.00-37.00, Utility 15-40 7.50-15.00 per head.

SHEEP 700. Compared with 694 head last week, and 726 head a year ago. Wooled slaughter lambs $1 to $1.50 higher. Choice 70-110 pounds wooled slaughter lambs 34.00-37.50, few to 40.00, Good 60-115 31.00-34.00, few Utility 45-75 24.00-28.00. Slaughter ewes 12.50-19.00, few 5.00-12.00.

USDA Will Survey Producers' Plans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will have a special planting intentions report in January, with survey questionnaires going to producers in 35 major farm states later this month, USDA's Statistical Reporting Service (SRS) announced recently.

Survey results, for release Jan. 22, 1974 at 3:00 p.m., EDT, will provide state acreage estimates as indicated by producers' plans about Jan. 1 for corn, barley, oats, sorghum, rice, spring wheat, soybeans, cotton, flax, and sugar beets.

This survey will not replace the annual SRS planting intentions report issued in March

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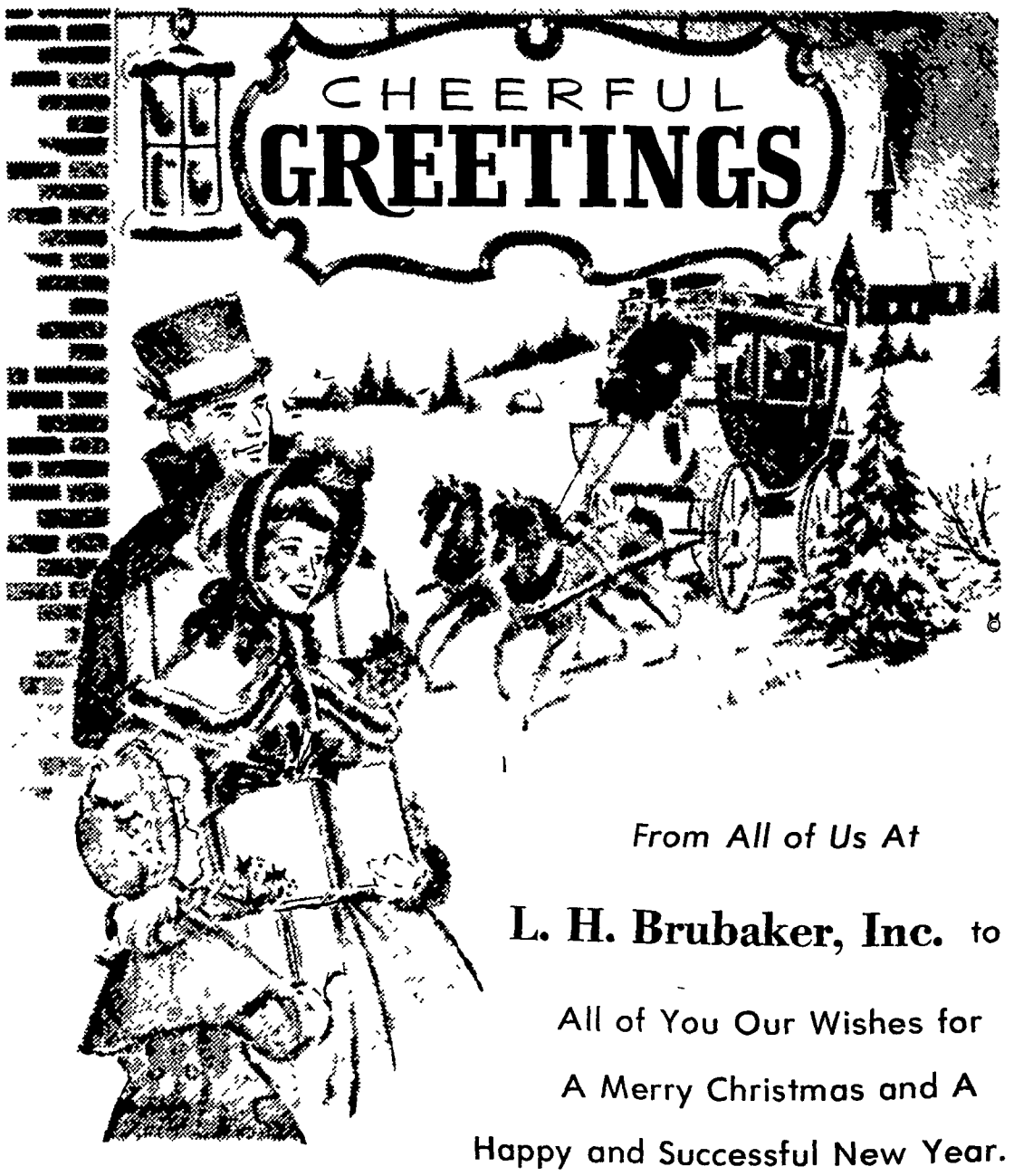

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Special Beef Sales, Promotions Offered by Beef Ind. Council

The food industry's move toward accelerated beef merchandising should help alleviate the market crunch which has caused a drastic drop in on-the-hoof cattle prices, according to John L. Huston, vice president-secretary of the Beef Industry Council of the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

He said aggressive steps have been and are being taken in response to the problems of the beef market.

"Beef men are feeling the pinch of severe economic losses which threaten the entire industry and the future orderly flow of beef products to the meat counters of America," Huston said.

The consumer education-advertising-promotion programs of the Meat Board-Beef Industry Council are attacking the problem with numerous projects designed to rebuild and maintain strong consumer demand for beef at the retail level for translation back into a healthier market for live cattle.

Huston observed that beef specials again have become an important part of the merchandising format of the U.S. retail food industry. Newspaper ads featuring beef have returned to the pattern of frequency which prevailed prior to the period -- beginning early in 1973 -- of price protests, ceilings and shortages, he said. Since the first week of October 1973, between 41 and 66 beef items have been featured per week in retail food store ads in the selected cities covered by the "Ad Spotlight" summary of **Supermarket News**. In the same period of 1972, the nation's food chains carried between 38 and 62 beef features per week in newspaper ads in the same cities. In August 1973 beef features in food store ads in the selected cities had dropped as low as six per week, he noted.

Many prices are also back to the level of a year ago, he said. Sirloin steak, which sold for $1.51 a pound in December 1972, was selling for $1.55 a pound in the Chicago area in December 1973 and was being featured in week-end specials for $1.43. The national average in August 1973 was $1.87. Round steak, priced at $1.88 in August during the freeze, was selling at $1.47 in December compared to $1.46 a year ago. It was available in December 1973 week-end specials for $1.17.

"This," said Huston, "is an encouraging sign that the law of supply and demand is beginning once again to operate normally after the harrowing market disruptions suffered by all segments of the industry during price ceilings and immediately following their removal. Beef specials are an essential part of accelerated merchandising efforts that move the increased beef output through to the consumer. Otherwise it would back up and clog the supply lines, forcing a further decline in cattle prices and discouraging further expansion of beef production."

The newspaper food page services of the Board have been featuring menu ideas and recipes for a full range of tasty beef dishes. Releases reviewing the current and future supply-price situation -- quoting Meat Coard Chairman John A. Copelkand and other industry spokesmen -- have been moving out on a regular basis not only to food editors but to general news and financial and business editors...many with extensive wire service pickup And a full day of television, radio and press interviews was scheduled for Meat Board President David H. Stroud in New York City, Dec. 17.

In addition, news articles, editorials and picture-features on the meat industry's new standarized meat identity program -- spearheaded by the Board -- have appeared in more than 1,000 newspapers in every state of the U.S., stimulating renewed consumer interest in shopping for a wider variety of more easily identified meat cuts.

Consumers are being reminded that adequate supplies of beef are again available at attractive prices. They are being provided with information on how to become better beef shoppers and how to cook the various cuts to get the most from their beef dollars.

Back in September correspondence to food editors noted the opportunity afforded by increased supplies to feature "beef for all occasions" instead of strictly economy or budget - stretching ideas.

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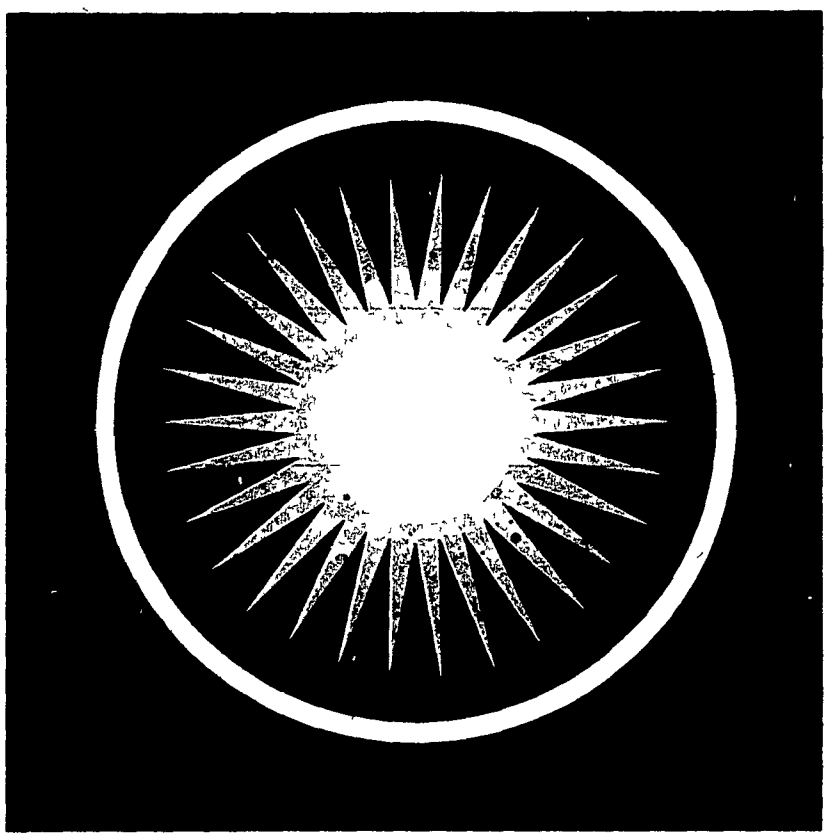
Milk Production Down

Milk production in Pennsylvania during November was 519 million pounds, four percent less than in October, and four percent less than in November last year according to the crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth during November was 665,000, the same as last month, but two percent below November of a year ago.

Milk produced per cow averaged 780 pounds in November compared with 810 pounds in October and 800 pounds in November last year.

United States milk production during November is estimated at 8,662 million pounds, four percent less than a year earlier. U.S. average milk production per cow during November was 765 pounds compared with 771 pounds in November 1972. During November there were 11.3 million milk cows on farms, down three percent from November a year ago.



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Oat Production Increased in '73

Pennsylvania farmers produced more oats, but less wheat, barley, and rye in 1973 than they did in 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Production of oats in Pennsylvania totaled 17,625,000 bushels in 1973, a 6 percent increase from last year's production. The increase was the combined result of more acres harvested and larger yield per acre. The number of acres harvested was 375,000 in 1973,compared with 362,000 in 1972. Yield was 47 bushels per acre in 1973 and 46 in 1972.

Production of winter wheat in Pennsylvania in 1973 totaled 7,392,000 bushels. Both lower yield and a smaller acreage harvested contributed to the decline of 14 percent from last year's level of production. Yield was 28 bushels per acre this year, compared with 32 bushels last year. Acreage harvested declined from 269,000 in 1972 to 264,000 in 1973.

Barley production in Pennsylvania totaled 6,820,000 bushels in 1973. This was 8 percent less than was produced last year. Acres harvested declined to 155,000 from 158,000 the preceding year, and average yield declined to 44 bushels per acre from 47 during the same period.

This year's production of rye in Pennsylvania totaled 405,000 bushels, a slight decrease from the 406,000 bushels produced in 1972. This year's crop was harvested from 15,000 acres yielding an average of 27 bushels per acre, compared with 14,000 acres yielding 29 bushels per acre in 1972.

Production of all wheat in the United States in 1973 totaled a record high 1,711 million bushels, 11 percent above the 1972 output and 6 percent above the previous high of 1,618 million bushels in 1971. The 1973 winter wheat crop in the U.S. was record large, 7 percent above 1972 and 11 percent above 1971.

Production of barley in the U. S. totaled 424 million bushels in 1973, about the same as the 1972 crop of 423 million bushels, but 8 percent less than the 1971 production of 464 million bushels.

United States production of oats in 1973 is estimated at 664 million bushels, 4 percent less than last year and 25 percent below 1971 production.

The U.S rye crop totaled 26.4 million bushels in 1973, 10 percent below last year's production and 46 percent below the 1971 crop, which was the largest since 1942.

AFGC To Stress Forage Importance

The American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) will hold its annual Research-Industry Conference February 26-27, 1974 at the Sheraton-Bossier Inn in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Theme of the meeting will be Forage in American Agriculture. The session begins February 26 with registration at 6:30 a.m. A buffet breakfast will be available and the conferees will participate in a pre-tour session from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00, conferees will load onto buses and tour forage-producting areas until 4:00 p.m.

February 28 will feature a panel discussion on forage limitations and opportunities in the U. S. from a regional and national viewpoint. Key spokesmen from each region will lead discussions. Other information will be included on seed, fertilizer, credit, equipment, and storage as it relates to forage production.

Dr. John Hutchinson, Director of Agricultural Extension at Texas A and M University will speak at the awards luncheon on February 28.

"This conference will literally take those attending to the grass roots," said William E. Barksdale, senior vice-president of AFGC and 1974 program chairman. "The tour will provide new understanding of the growing importance of forage in producing food for American consumers."

Eating-out Enthusiasts

The increasing number of wives who work away from home whether for pay or in civic activities have influenced living patterns in many ways. For instance, the tremendous growth of the food service industry is due in part to working wives. Not only do they patronize restaurants, tea rooms and hot dog stands during lunch hour, but their influence is responsible for more family eating out at the end of a busy day

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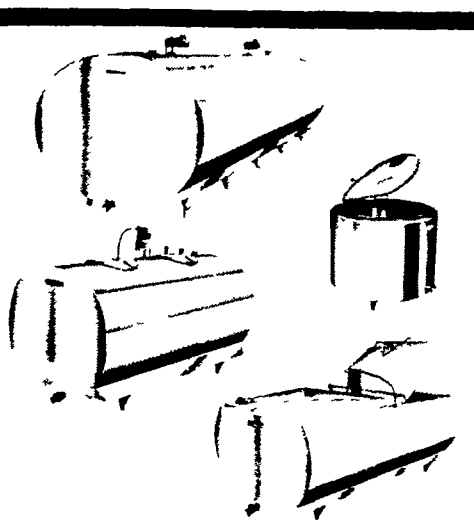

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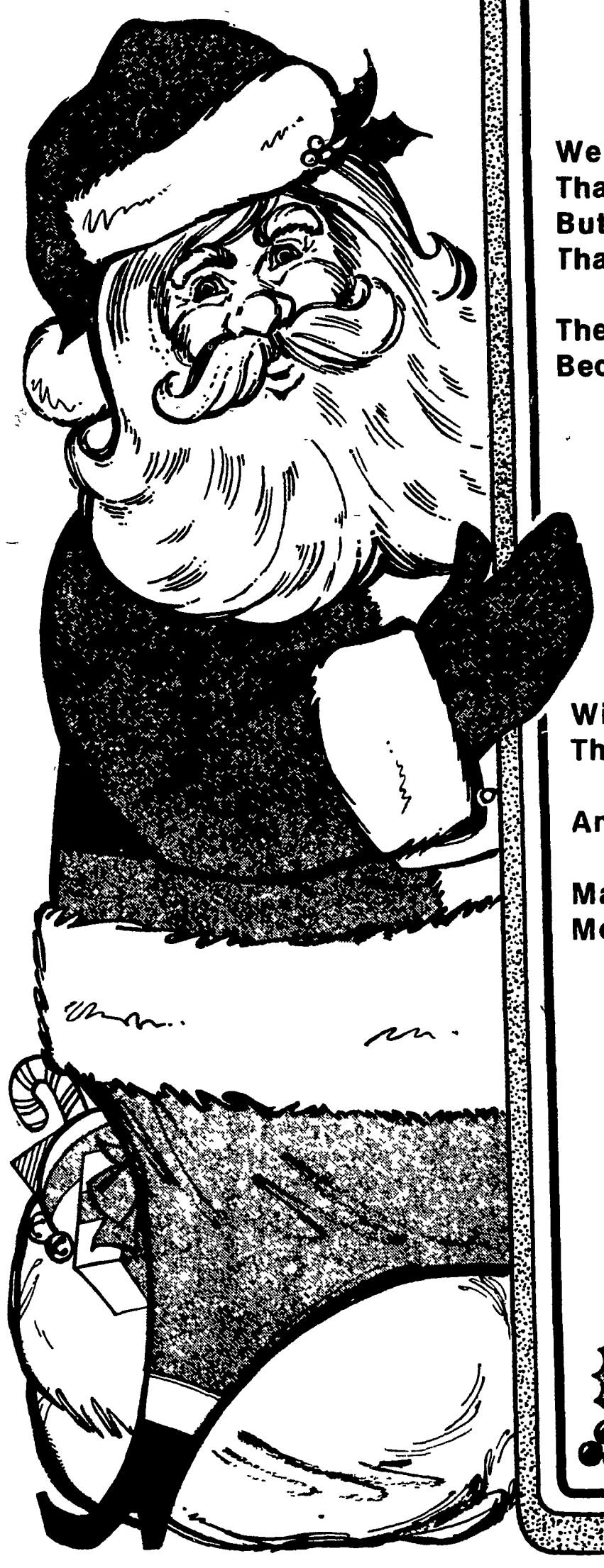

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The Christmas Story

St. Luke — Chapters I and II

And the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary; for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

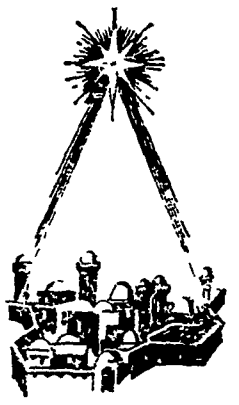
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad saying which was told them concerning this child

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them

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PLAINVIEW, NEBR., NEWS: "We've seen reports where reportedly the U. S. Postal System is cutting its costs. But at whose expense? It certainly doesn't appear that its service has gotten any better--in fact some of the letters we've read have indicated that it has been much slower How many people have been inconvenienced by the slowness of mail? How many people have missed out on orders because of delay of mail? That's an indirect expense to that business then. How many people have had to pay penalties for late arriving remittances? So far, it would look like the centralization of mail to the big centers, taking away the mail from the smaller, more efficient offices, hasn't helped much."

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TO MAKE FARM PONDS SAFE

Ice skating time is at hand when many folks will be attracted to the farm ponds when they freeze. Pond owners are reminded of the need of rescue equipment at the side of the pond in order to make prompt rescue. Wooden ladders, boards planks, rope with inflated inner-tube, or other items that can be thrown or pushed out on the ice to the person in trouble are needed. Don't plan on walking out and giving a personal hand to the person in the ice-cold water – the result may be both of you in the water. Be prepared for any emergency during the ice skating period.

TO SUBSTITUTE GRAINS

Various grains besides corn may be used in many livestock rations. Barley is commonly used in place of part of the corn in many dairy, hog, and beef rations. In beef rations barley is worth approximately 90 percent of the value of corn. In hog rations barley is 86 percent as valuable as corn. Wheat may be used in place of corn but in dairy and beef rations, not more than 25 per cent of the ration should be ground wheat. In swine rations up to 50 percent of the ration may be made up of ground wheat. Grain sorghums may also be used to replace part of the corn in most rations. Producers are urged to check the prices of these other grains and use them when they are as cheap or cheaper than corn.

TO PRACTICE FARM AND HOME SAFETY

The holiday season presents many fire hazards in the home because of numerous decorations and extra power needs. The very things that make the Christmas season enjoyable can turn the period into a time of tragedy if fire safety precautions are not observed. Fire never takes a holiday. Keep all evergreens as fresh and as moist as possible. Beware of smoking or open flames near any holiday decorations. At this time of the year most barns are full of livestock and winter feed supplies. All fire hazards should be eliminated and the fire extinguishers should be checked for immediate action.

TO HAVE A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

In behalf of all the Penn State Extension Workers I want to take this opportunity of extending to all of our readers the very best for this holiday season. This is a time for family fellowship and enjoyment and we have many things for which to be thankful. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas Day and a successful New Year.

Editor's Quote Book

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Lesson for December 23, 1973

Background Scripture: John 1 1 5, 14-18

E. Stanley Jones told a story of a little child, the son of missionaries, who was in school in the United States A few days before the Christmas recess, the principal had the boy in his office and asked him: "Son, what would you rather have most of all for Christmas?" The boy looked at the picture of his father framed on his desk and said: "I want my father to step out of that frame!"

Rev. Althouse

The Elusive God

The little boy unknowingly expressed one of the deep desires of all men concerning God the desire for some tangible, concrete image of the Divine Yet, for centuries it seemed a hopeless dream Men had visions of God, heard voices and received messages They felt his presence and listened as others described their encounters with him. Yet, despite all this, he seemed an elusive God.

One religion defined God this way, another described his somewhat differently The various religions of mankind were like the four blind men grasping different parts of the elephant and describing him accordingly. Still, despite all the theologizing, dreaming, and studying, men were still asking "What is God really like?"

Did God prefer to remain obscure? Did he not want men to know what he was like? John and other New Testament writers indicate strongly that it was God's will for man to understand his nature. Thus, in the birth of Jesus Christ, he expressed himself so that man's impossible dream might come true: God revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

Different New Testament writers use different words to express this one central thought:

John: "No one has ever seen God the only Son . . he has made him known" (1:18).

Paul: "In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1:19).

Hebrews: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son . . He reflects the glory of God and bears the stamp of his nature" (1:1-3).

The communicative God

But the first chapter of John probably puts it best of all: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . . " (1:14). As in the story by E Stanley Jones, man's greatest desire was for that elusive God to step out of his "frame," so to speak, and make himself sufficiently known.

That's what God did in Jesus Christ: in that one single life he told man all that he could know and would ever need to know about God When the "Word became flesh" and the unknowable became knowable and the obscure became clear and men saw the fullness of God revealed for once and for all, then it was that God gave mankind his greatest of all Christmas presents

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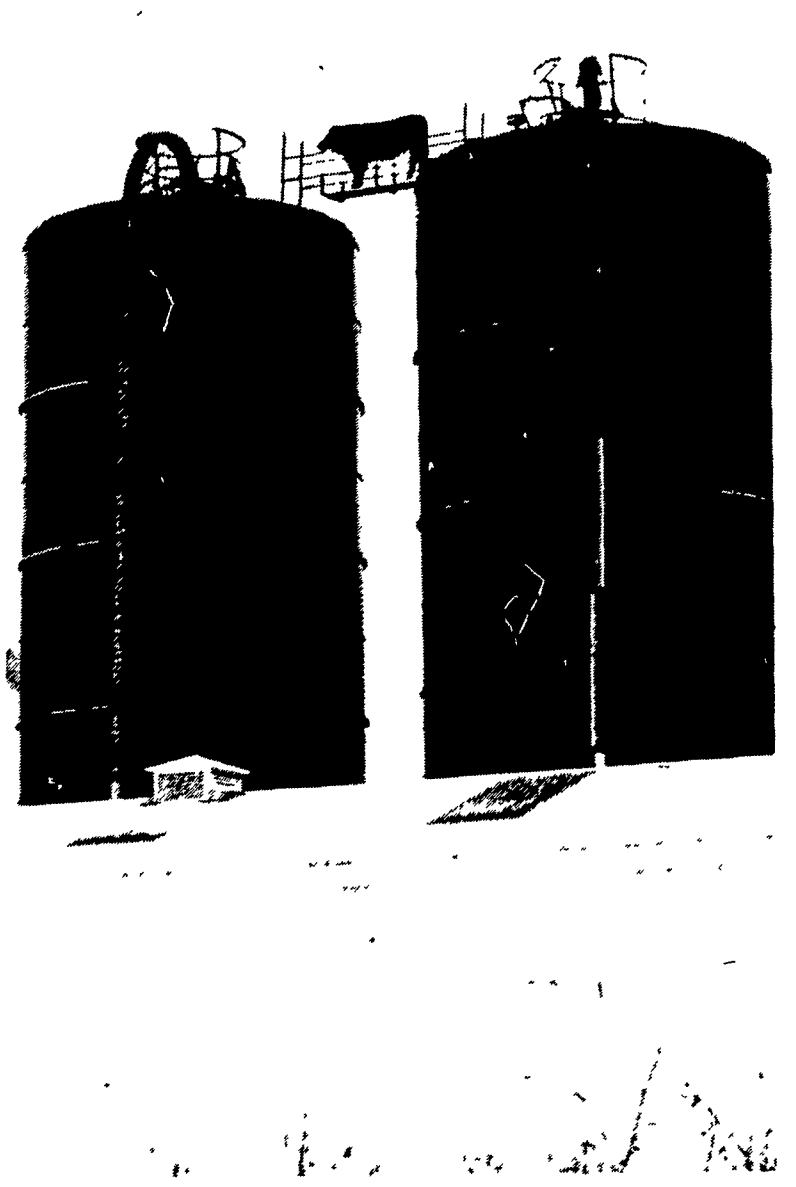

A few months ago we could've run this photo and captioned it "Are live cattle prices really going sky high?" and gotten a big laugh from beef producers. Beefmen aren't laughing much these days, but we still liked the picture, shot near Intercourse on Wednesday afternoon. Before anybody calls the SPCA, that is not a real steer.

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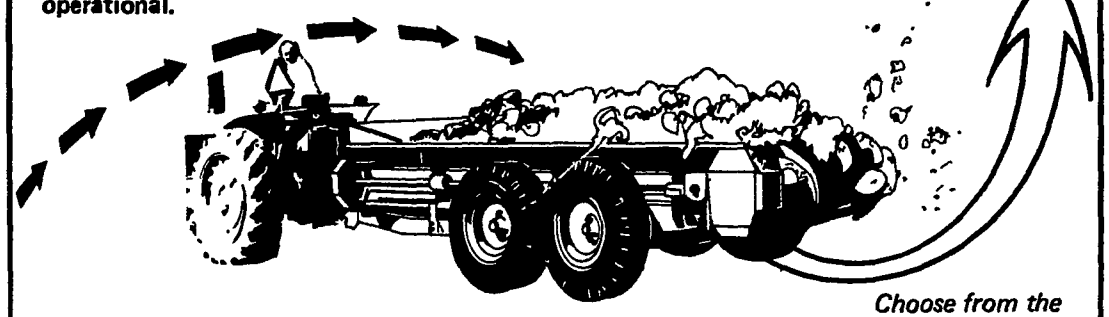

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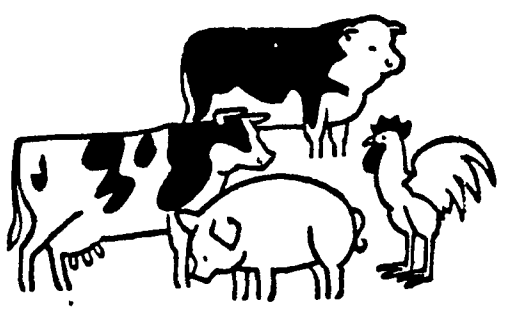

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Energy Management In 1974

A national campaign to stress "energy management" for the nation's farmers in 1974 was jointly announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz and representatives of the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, Chicago, and the National Farm & Power Equipment Dealers Association, St. Louis.

In announcing the campaign, Secretary Butz stressed that "every gallon of fuel saved is another gallon available to use to increase production on that individual farm."

A feature of the campaign includes distribution of a poster outlining "10 ways to save energy" and a certification sticker for tuned up tractors and farm trucks.

The poster will be distributed by the farm machinery industry to dealers for display. The ways suppested to save energy are: (1) tune up engines to save fuel and increase power; (2) reduce tillage to save up to two gallons of fuel per acre; (3) combine field operations to save another two gallons of fuel per acre; (4) shift up--throttle down--save even more fuel; (5) shut off engines—idling wastes fuel; (6) use wheel weights for heavy jobs--remove for light work; (7) keep plowshares and cutting tools sharp and correctly adjusted; (8) keep proper air pressure in tires for maximum efficiency; (9) check operator's manual--when in doubt, consult your dealer; and (10) check with your county Agricultural Extension Service office for ways you can improve your "energy management."

The certification sticker, saying "I'm tuned up to save energy," will be available for dealers to place on tractors and farm trucks as they qualify to conserve fuel.

USDA will use a "broken E" symbol to indicate a break in energy as part of the 1974 campaign to emphasize need for energy conservation by everyone working in agriculture, including USDA employees.

4-H Leaders - How To Save on Income Taxes

by Jay W. Irwin
Associate Lancaster Co. Agent

There are many volunteer 4-H leaders in Lancaster County who contribute their time, effort and money to this fine educational program.

To assist them in reducing their 1973 income taxes, a number of items may be claimed as charitable deductions by those leaders who itemize their deductions.

The following deductible items can be included:

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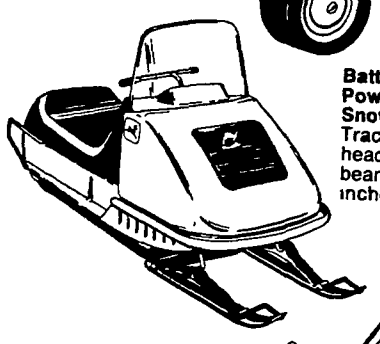

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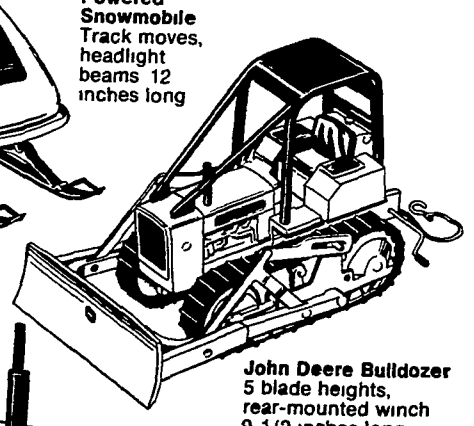

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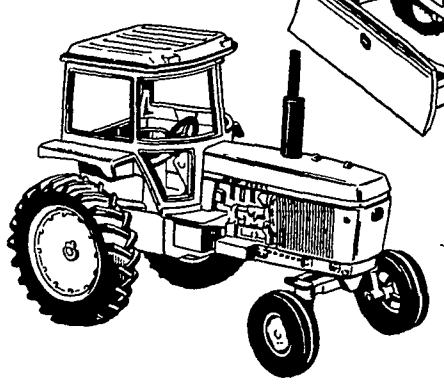

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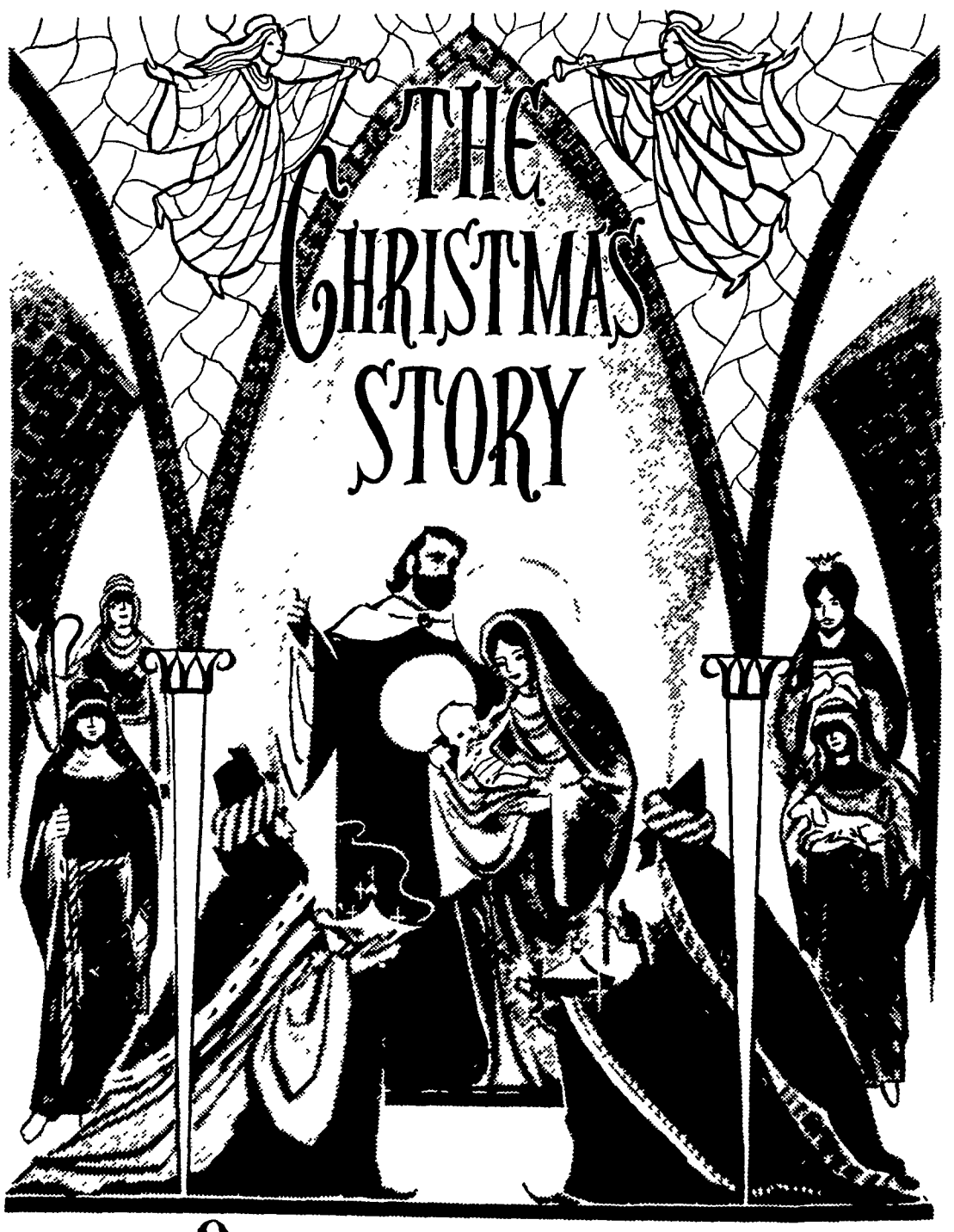

Once again we pause to observe, and gather new inspiration from the age-old story . . . the birth of our Saviour . . . and His divine, eternal presence. May every joy and blessing of this Holy Season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness . . . making spirits bright!

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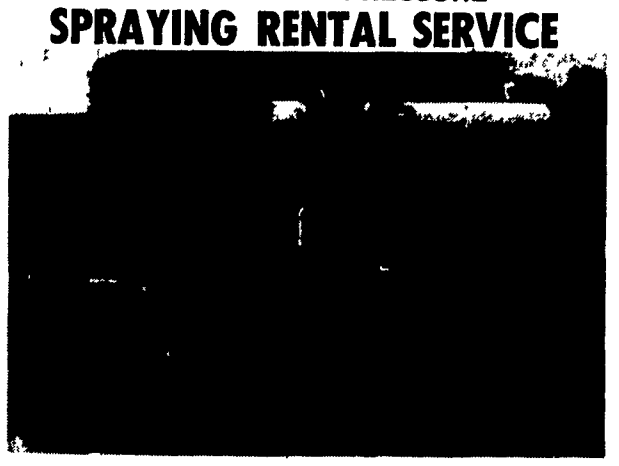

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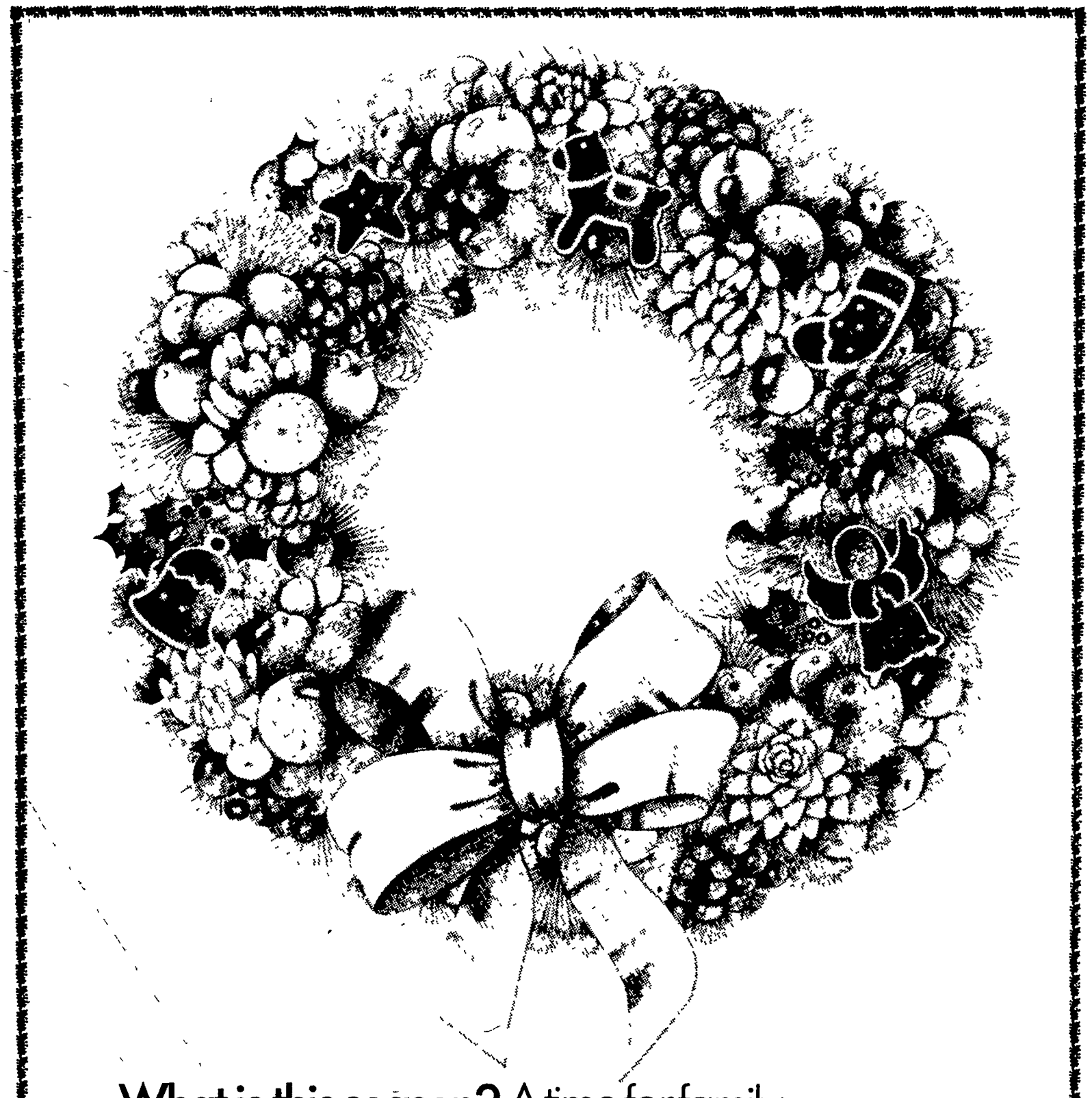
The awards were presented by David Yoker, Apollo Dr., Lancaster, (far right) general manager, at the Cooperative's annual Christmas banquet held December 17.



What is this season? A time for family gatherings. A time for fond remembrance, happy anticipation. A time for reflection, rededication. A time for reaching out to others. A time for joy. A time for kindness. A time for love. A time for peace. Best wishes for this holiday season.

Commonwealth National Bank

Two County Men Retire

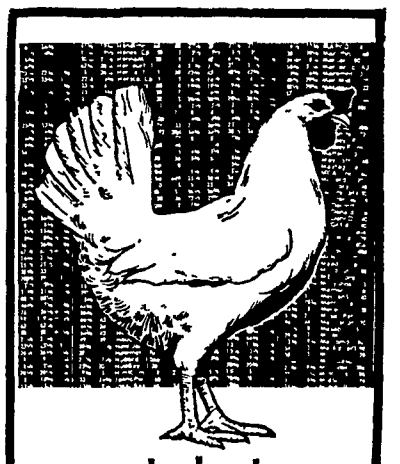
Two county men will retire from Sperry New Holland at the end of this month.

George W. Millhouse, 121 E. Main St., Mountville, will retire on December 28 after 42 years with the company.

Millhouse joined the company in January 1932. He will retire as a production assembler.

S. Weaver Martin, 750 E. Main St., New Holland will retire on December 28 as a shop planner after 30 years with the company.

Martin, who started with Sperry New Holland in 1944 as a shear operator had also served the company as Press & Shear Foreman.



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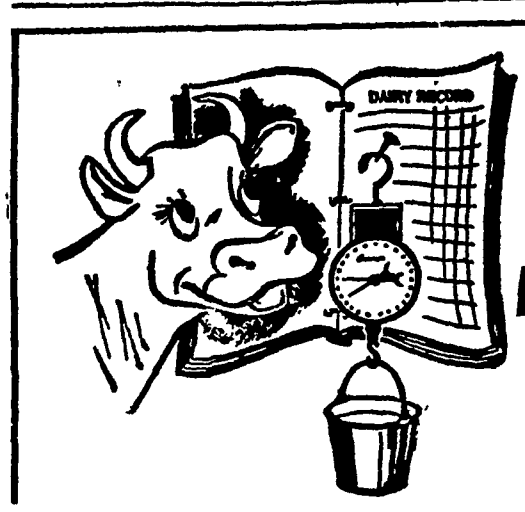

LEBANON COUNTY DHIA MONTHLY REPORT

A cow in the herd of Marvin K. Meyer completed the highest lactation. Grace produced 23,931 pounds milk, 855 pounds butterfat with a 3.6 percent test. Second high lactation was completed by a cow owned by Harold G. Bollinger. Brenda produced 22,177 pounds milk, 841 pounds butterfat with a 3.8 percent test.

LACTATION RECORDS OVER 600 LBS. FAT
NOVEMBER, 1973

Owner — Name	Age	Milk	Test	Fat
Kenneth I. Sellers				
Gertie	6-10	17,699	4.2	743
Harriet	5-1	18,247	3.8	699
Judith	3-1	17,196	4.3	738
Harold G. Bollinger				
Brenda	5-11	22,177	3.8	841
Jean	4-1	16,647	4.3	710
Winnie	3-8	16,076	3.8	606
Hubert S. Miller				
Suapple	7-11	15,116	4.3	644
Fhalice	6	15,778	4.1	653
Ferndale Farms				
Mary	8	16,504	3.6	602
Suann	4-10	18,626	3.5	653
David Brandt				
5	7-9	15,291	4.0	617
47	5-2	16,081	4.0	646
9	4-3	17,079	3.8	648
73	3-4	15,903	3.8	607
7	3-2	17,012	4.2	714
Ralph E Sellers				
Lena	3-8	15,257	4.0	610
A. Moyer and A. Brandt				
3	6-11	19,592	3.7	726
30	4	15,923	3.8	609
Warren A. Bucher				
Della	4-2	14,690	4.4	643
Harvey T. Bomgardner				
Melida	7-2	18,418	3.4	618
Fay	5	16,348	3.8	618
Marvin K Meyer				
Dorene	7-1	17,606	3.6	642
Misty	6-2	19,263	3.4	654
Vickie	3-5	17,686	3.6	628
Topsy	3-3	19,697	3.5	683
Grace	3-3	23,931	3.6	855
William R. Meyer				
13A	9-4	20,799	3.2	670
175A	6-1	20,881	3.5	730
125B	4-11	15,855	3.9	617
25C	4-5	17,324	3.7	641
Simon S. Gingrich				
13	7-4	17,112	3.7	636
6	3-9	17,992	3.4	618
Ernest Wagner				
130	8-2	20,384	3.5	718
139	5-3	19,030	4.1	774
150	6-7	21,776	3.9	844
Dale E. Hostetter				
7B	6-3	21,785	3.2	687
31	5-9	15,303	4.1	622
88	4-3	16,490	4.0	662
Ralph D Shirk & Sons				
Romeo	5-11	19,481	3.3	649
Bennetch Bros				
73	5-1	19,564	4.0	791
11	4-6	15,422	4.3	661
16	2-8	15,365	4.0	616
Robert Lentz				
83	7-3	18,573	3 8	699
49	6-3	19,043	3.3	635
7	5-8	18,600	3.4	627
118	4-3	17,569	3.6	641
67	3-4	18,857	3.5	669
54	4-1	17,343	3 6	629
108	3	17,761	3.5	621
Sonnen Acres				
Hana	4-4	14,946	4.6	687
Charlot	4-2	17,791	3.8	677
Alvin M Weaver				
161	4-4	17,212	3.5	611
Mark Copenhaver				
Heidi	6-10	17,337	3.8	663
Harold Wampler & Son				
82	3	15,170	4.0	605
Fort Zeller Farm				
Margie	4-1	18,570	3.3	613
Elmer Rohrer				
66A	9-4	18,662	4.1	758
1	8-5	16,254	3.9	633
34	5-7	15,982	4.2	675
94	5-7	16,371	4.0	652
Ray R. Sattazahn				
Polly	5-7	19,058	3.2	616
Abram T. Lefever				
Jean	3-5	16,431	3.7	601
Joyce	3-3	15,204	4.0	615
Mark H. Bomberger & Son				
45	5-10	15,657	4.2	651
Bare Bros. Dairy				
25	10-2	18,413	4.0	736
60	6-5	20,105	3.8	763
18	4-2	20,614	4.0	819
46	4-9	19,866	3.3	656
72	7	19,008	3.3	619
Clyde E. Deck				
W 58	7-3	16,020	3.8	615
Mark C. Patches				
70	7-5	21,545	3.8	828
72	6-3	17,789	3.5	631
36	6-3	18,214	3.6	663
38	3-4	18,578	4.0	738
63	3-6	17,761	4.0	714
Enos N. Leinbach				
Nora	6-8	17,729	3.4	602
Jo Ann	6-3	17,764	3.5	620
Patty	4-5	15,085	4.4	660
Oscar Van Lieu				
Dandy	6-4	17,891	3.4	614
Sally	3-6	17,826	3.9	699
Daniel B. Shirk				
Betty	6-1	17,906	3.6	651
John D. Bomgardner				
Phoebe	6-11	18,628	3.7	681
Norman Kline				
Rocky	3-10	15,130	4.2	643

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Herd Summary
Average Daily Production Per Cow

	Days On Test	No. Cows	Percent Cow Days In Milk	Milk lbs.	Percent Fat	Fat lbs.
Bare Bros. Dairy	32	77.2	87.8	49.5	3.9	1.94
Isaac E. Zimmerman	33	16.8	90.5	43.7	4.2	1.82
Mark C. Patches	31	70.2	87.5	44.4	3.9	1.72
Robert Lentz	33	94.8	91.0	43.2	3.9	1.67
Reuben O. Martin	30	52.5	93.5	45.8	3.6	1.65
Enos N. Leinbach	31	25.0	94.6	43.7	3.7	1.62
Mark H. Bomberger & Son	27	55.0	81.0	40.2	4.0	1.61
Alvin M. Weaver	33	34.5	87.5	39.9	4.0	1.58
Earl Zimmerman	34	42.0	76.4	42.2	3.7	1.58
Richard E. Houser	25	40.4	81.4	41.9	3.7	1.57
Mervin W. Horst	28	32.3	91.9	39.5	4.0	1.57
Warren Hetrick	35	39.3	90.0	40.7	3.8	1.56
Harvey T. Bomgardner	29	89.4	84.0	42.6	3.6	1.55
Robert Lentz	33	86.7	87.6	42.1	3.7	1.55
Bennetch Bros.	26	72.5	79.0	40.3	3.8	1.54
Daniel B. Shirk	31	34.9	84.0	38.9	3.9	1.53
Marvin K. Meyer	29	86.9	90.3	41.2	3.7	1.52
Ralph E. Sellers	27	33.0	90.3	39.4	3.8	1.50
M. Luther Bennetch	35	50.0	84.4	40.4	3.7	1.49
Cyrus Y. Bomberger	24	171.00	92.9	40.6	3.7	1.49

Mowrer Is President Of CCFA

Horace Mowrer, a dairy farmer from Spring City, was elected president of the Chester County Farmers' Association for the coming year.

On December 6 & 7 he participated in a Training Seminar held at Lewistown for all county presidents of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

Also participating were Arthur Hershey, the new state board member representing Chester, Berks, and Montgomery counties, and Mrs. Arthur Hershey, the Chester County Information Director.

Other officers elected for the new year are John McCausland, Downingrown, vice-president; Vernon Ruth, Spring City, secretary-treasurer, and Pete Collins, Avondale, membership chairman.

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Used Equipment Specials For Month of December

Used Tractors	Was	Now
3200-4 W.D. Loader	$ 4,200.00	$ 4,000.00
International 300	$ 1,575.00	$ 1,350.00
Int. 500C Crawler Loader	$ 8,350 00	$ 8,000.00
Cub 154 w-Mower	$ 1,950.00	$ 1,775.00
Farmall 300	$ 1,750.00	$ 1,600.00
E200 Int. Payscraper	$33,000.00	$19,500.00
Rental Machine		
9 cu. yard		

Miscellaneous	Was	Now
N.H 275 Baler w-Thrower	$ 2,300.00	$ 2,100.00
I.H No. 210 Rollover Plow	$ 375.00	$ 285.00
I.H. No. 531 Plow 3 bot.	$ 425.00	$ 350.00
I.H. No. 211 Plow 2 bot	$ 350.00	$ 250.00
A.C Blower	$ 125.00	75.00
I.H No. 100 Mower F.H.	$ 450.00	$ 375.00
I.H No 2A Hay Cond.	$ 275.00	$ 225.00
I H No 130 Manure Spreader	$ 675.00	$ 600.00

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	Was	Now
I.H. No. 123 Cadet w-mower	$ 850.00	$ 725.00
I H No. 100 Cadet w-mower	$ 800.00	$ 725.00
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Vetamere Farm				
D	8-1	19,611	3.5	685
Lady	6-1	18,742	3.3	622
Russel Houser				
Martha	6	15,414	4.0	624
Earl Zimmerman				
Beauty	5-3	19,709	3.7	738
Sarah	3-3	17,966	3.9	697
Elsie	3-3	15,453	4.0	618
Reuben O. Martin				
Jenny	5-9	17,537	4.2	741
Nora	5-8	15,296	3.9	600
Galen Boyd				
Donita	9-6	14,849	4.3	638
Weidler Brothers				
Prilly	9-2	16,668	3.8	631
Nellie	5-11	19,146	4.4	843
Nancy	3-6	16,270	4.2	689
Ivan M. Weiler				
Camel	6-8	17,093	3.5	601
Emma	6-4	15,093	4.1	620
Isaac S. Brubaker				
40	5-9	18,962	3.5	668
Elmer M. Martin, Jr.				
Auger	4-9	16,731	4.9	826
Arliss	4-7	17,282	3.7	647
Bug	4-1	17,812	4.0	713
Floyd Halteman				
Liza	8-4	19,708	3.7	739
Robert Martin				
Bessie	7-10	17,982	3.6	648
Lassie	5-3	17,884	3.7	662
Galen Bollinger				
88 Sarah	7-3	16,438	3.8	624
Abram N. Hoover				
Horns	8-10	18,605	3.8	712
Portia	4	17,294	3.5	610
Clarence Mase				
Anne	6	15,983	4.2	670
Daisy	5-11	15,978	4.1	659
Joy	5-7	15,352	4.5	692
Julie	4-5	18,361	3.8	692
Ella	3-5	16,787	4.0	677
Phares Musser				
27	8-3	14,873	4.1	604
35	5-11	18,282	3.4	626
19	5-5	13,919	4.3	605
Lewis M. Werner				
36	4-6	17,731	3.7	656
Raymond N. Getz				
Sadie	4-7	18,561	3.3	605
Fay	8-2	19,965	4.1	818
Linford L. Halteman				
Barbara	4-2	16,857	4.2	703

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Gene N. Cage, 4412 West 83rd Street, Prairie Village, Kansas, District Sales Manager at Branch 75, George Davidson, 103 Froelich Avenue, Mountville, Senior Bindery Equipment Operator in the Printing Department; Earl F. Wentling, 247 Church Avenue, Ephrata, Accountant A in General Accounting; L. H. Beamesderfer, 235 Washington Avenue Ephrata, Dip Painter in Finishing Section B; and William Kilhefner, RD2 Ephrata, Inspector in Inspection B

Get Ewes Ready

A little attention to the ewe flock in December may prevent costly diseases and parasite losses this winter says Dr Samuel B. Guss, Extension veterinarian at The Pennsylvania State Universtiy. He suggests worming the flock, examining winter feeding and watering facilities, spraying to eliminate losses from external parasites, cleaning lambing pens, checking housing and bedding, and setting aside a month's cupply of the best hay to feed ewes in the period just before lambing.

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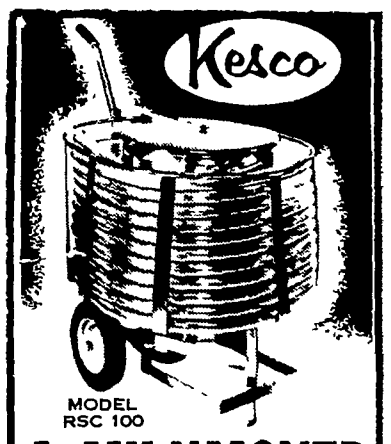

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Fertilizer Supply falls Short Of Demand

Fertilizer producers delivered 12 per cent more fertilizer to the U.S. market during the first four months of their fiscal year – July through October – than for the same months of 1972, also a year of excellent fall movement.

The figures released by the Fertilizer Institute are based on the industry association's monthly data service, Fertilizer Index.

The sharp increase occurred in the face of tremendous export pressures, and amid mounting production and transportation, noted Institute President Edwin M Wheeler.

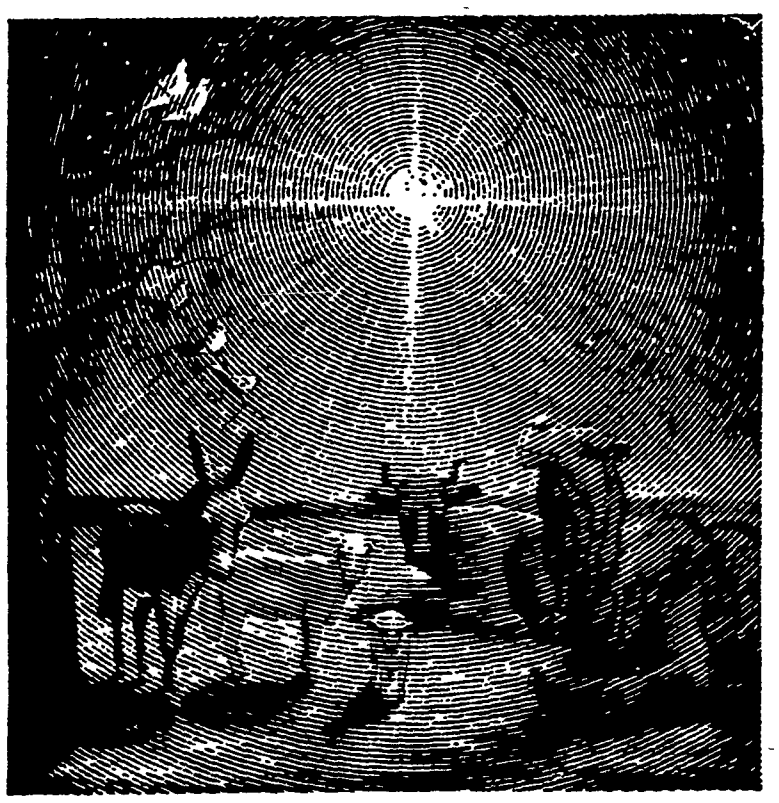
Fertilizer production also ran ahead of the 1972 four month period by 9 per cent. "But, fertilizer demand is still far ahead of supply," Wheeler emphasized, "with October inventories 39 per cent lower than the same month a year ago." End-of-month inventories have been below 1972 for each month of 1973 so far, he added.

America's fertilizer industry has pulled all stops to try to satisfy unprecendented farm demands resulting from rapid crop acreage increases, and record grain and fiber prices, Wheeler said. However, he said, it's evident that farmer's needs cannot be fully met if additional crop acreage is planted next spring as anticipated.

Production of nitrogen fertilizers showed an eight per cent rise from July through October compared to '72 while product movement to market rose an average 17 per cent. October's ending inventories on nitrogen products averaged 45 per cent below Oct., 1972.

Phosphate product movement showed a five per cent drop for the four month period compared to a year ago with a corresponding production drop of three per cent. Still, October ending inventories were down 23 per cent.

Potash products scored a 10-per-cent gain in production, and a 21-percent increase in disappearance. Inventories of potash were 44 per cent below October, 1972.



Organic Farmers Schedule Meeting For Farm Show

The Pennsylvania Organic Farmer-Consumer Organization (POFCO) will meet in Room "D" at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg on Thursday, January 10th, from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. POFCO's participation at the Show is part of its program to encourage the growing, distribution and consumption of organically-grown foods A diversity of organic growers will participate in the program and will answer questions about the organization and its goals Many Pennsylvania organic producers are expected to attend, including Paul Keene of Walnut Acres. Out-of-state producers will also attend, including Glenn Graber of Ohio

A slide presentation about organic farming, contributed by Rodale Press, Inc., publishers of "Organic Gardening and Farming" magazine, will be shown POFCO will also provide organically-grown snacks for visitors. All organic farmers, retailers, consumers and others interested in organic farming are invited.

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Officers Picked During County ASC Convention

Out of 48 delegates named to the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service convention held Wednesday morning at the Farm and Home Center, a total of 34 braved the weather to attend.

The delegates voted on officers for the coming year, and renamed Fred G. Seldomridge, Gap RD1, to the position of chairman of the county ASC committee. B. Snavely Garber, Willow Street RD2, was named vice-chariman, and Paul B. Kline, 1400 Brunnerville Rd., Lititz, was named a member of the board.

Kline was also named to a 3-year term on the county committee. Robert E. Martin, New Holland RD1, will serve a one-year term as first alternate to the county committee, while John H Nissley, Mt. Joy RD1, will serve a one-year term as second alternate.

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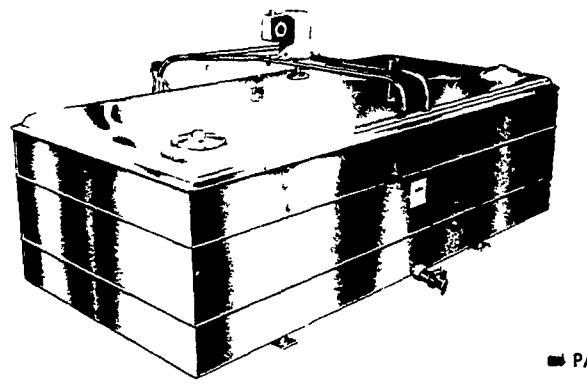

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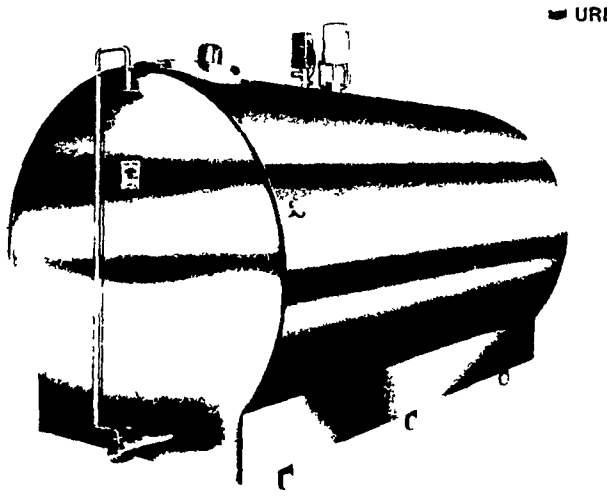

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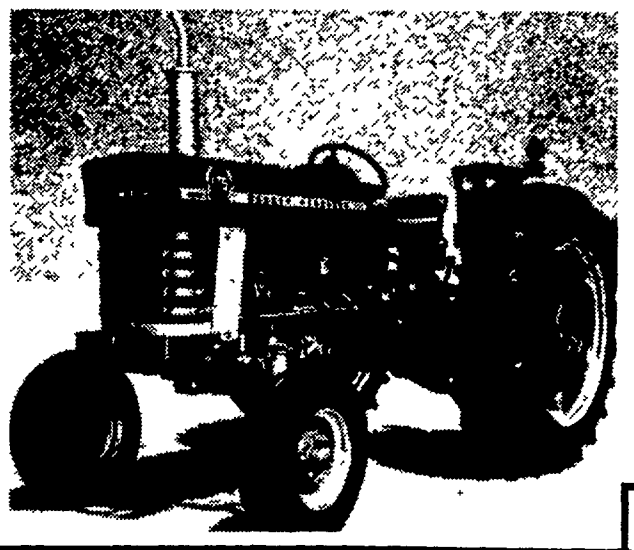

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Sickler Exhibits Champion At County 4-H Beef Show

The champion English Breed steer exhibited by Barbara Jeanne Sickler, West Chester, was named grand champion at the annual Chester County 4-H Beef Show. Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sickler, was also named reserve champion senior division showman for members over 14 years old. The grand champion trophy was presented to Barbara by Mr. & Mrs. James Robinson, West Chester

The reserve grand champion of the show was the champion crossbred steer exhibited by James Wylie, Nottingham. James also exhibited the reserve champion heifer and was named champion senior division showman. James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wylie, Jr., received the reserve grand champion trophy from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerstetter, West Chester.

John Holloway, West Chester, captured two championships and one reserve. John exhibited the champion heifer and reserve champion English Breed Steer. He also received a showmanship kit from Cruetzburg & Son, Malvern for being champion junior division showman for members under 14 years old. Howard Stoltzfus, Glen Moore exhibited the reserve champion crossbred steer.

In the first year member showmanship contest, William Wylie, Nottingham was named champion. Rachel Holloway, West Chester, captured reserve champion honors. David Wylie, Nottingham was selected reserve champion junior division showman.

For conformation judging, the steers were divided into two divisions. The herefords and angus were shown in the English division. Other breeds and crossbred steers were shown in the Crossbred Division. Within each division steers were grouped into classes based on their weight. Steers were then evaluated for their meat producing characteristics.

Wylie Brothers capture showmanship championship honors at Chester County 4-H Beef Show. (left to right) Bill was named champion first-year showman, David was reserve champion junior showman, and James was champion senior showman. James also exhibited the reserve grand champion steer and heifer.

Placings in the English Breed heavyweight class were 1st. Barbara Sickler; 2nd John Holloway; 3rd Rachel Holloway; 4th William Wylie; 5th Nelson Beam, Elverson; 6th Robert Ambler, Cochranville; and 7th Lewis Frame, Jr., Honey Brook.

Placings in the English Breed medium weight class were: 1st Esther Howe, Elverson; 2nd Cheryl Wojtowicz, Downingtown; 3rd David Anderson, Pocopson; 4th Charlene Beam, Elverson; 5th Barbara Bartram, West Chester; and 6th Jay Bradford, Glen Moore.

Placings in the English Breed light weight class were: 1st David Wylie; 2nd Suzanna Howe, Elverson; 3rd Ed Wylie, Nottingham; 4th Thomas Gill, Glen Moore; 5th David Krause, Glen Moore; 6th Tricia Bartram, West Chester; and 7th Robert Atherton, Glen Moore.

Placings in the Crossbred heavyweight class were: 1st James Wylie; 2nd Howard Stoltzfus; 3rd Wanda Stoltzfus, Glen Moore; and 4th Ginger Stokes, Westtown. In the lightweight class placings were: 1st Fred Wojtowicz, Downingtown; 2nd Darrell Stoltzfus, Glen Moore; 3rd Ginny Coleman, West Chester; and 4th Richard Coleman, West Chester.

Following the judging, eight steers were selected to represent Chester County at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show,

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ASA Members Will Grow Fewer Soybeans

An American Soybean Association planting intentions survey indicates members will plant 10.1 percent less soybeans in 1974 than they did in 1973. If the intentions materialize, it would be the first drop in soybean acreage since 1959.

At the same time, the 500-plus members responding to the survey said they would increase the acreage of nearly all other crops; Midwest growers indicating they plan to have 15.7 percent more corn and Southern growers planning to raise 24 percent more cotton than they did in 1973. All areas also indicate more wheat is planted, in some cases, substantially more.

Projecting members' intentions on USDA planting figures for 1973, soybean acreage in 1974 would total only 51.4 million acrea. USDA, which will release its first planting intentions report January 22, has projected soybean acreage would drop from 57.2 million acres in 1973 to 54 million acres in 1974.

By areas, growers plan 11.3 percent fewer soybeans in the western Corn Belt, 12.2 percent less in the eastern Corn Belt, 7.3 percent less in the South and 5.8 percent less on the East Coast.

A number of growers pointed out that these intentions were what they'd like to plant but that their decisions could change somewhat by spring due to uncertainties over weather, price relationships, fertilizer and fuel availability etc. If weather is poor again as it was early last spring or if fertilizer supplies are very tight, then there will be more soybeans and less of the other crops, growers indicated.

Going Up?

The price of almost everything the consumer buys has gone up faster than the cost of food While food costs have increased 47 percent since 1952, the average worker had enjoyed pay raises of more than 140 percent During this same period, the cost of medical care has gone up 123 percent and housing costs 64 percent more.

Immel Named To NSSTE Board

Robert C. Immel, 335 E. Conestoga St., New Holland, marketing training manager for Sperry New Holland has been named to the board of directors of the National Society of Sales Training Executives (NSSTE).

The appointment came at the organization's recent annual meeting.

The NSSTE is a national organization of sales and marketing training professionals which promotes a better understanding of an excellence in sales training throughout the business world.

Immel has been a member of NSSTE since 1969, served as chairman of its editorial committee for two years and was founder and president of the NSSTE Greater Philadelphia Chapter.

Sickler Exhibits

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January 7-11, 1974. Selected were steers owned by Jay Bradford, Thomas Gill, John Holloway, Esther Howe, Barbara Sickler, David, Ed, and James Wylie

The show was held recently at Crebilly Farm, West Chester, with twenty-eight 4-H members participating. John Hudson, General Manager of Bull Run Farm, Malvern, was the judge for the show.

This activity is one of many sponsored by the Chester County 4-H Beef Club, receiving financial support from local businesses. Members of the club receive guidance and instruction from Mr. & Mrs. William Holloway, West Chester, Conrad Grove, Downingtown, and Milton Howe, Elverson; volunteer adult leaders who donate their time to this youth activity. Further information about this 4-H program may be secured from these leaders or by contacting the Chester County Cooperative Extension Service, Room 402 North Wing, Courthouse, West Chester

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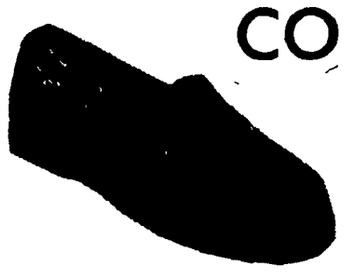

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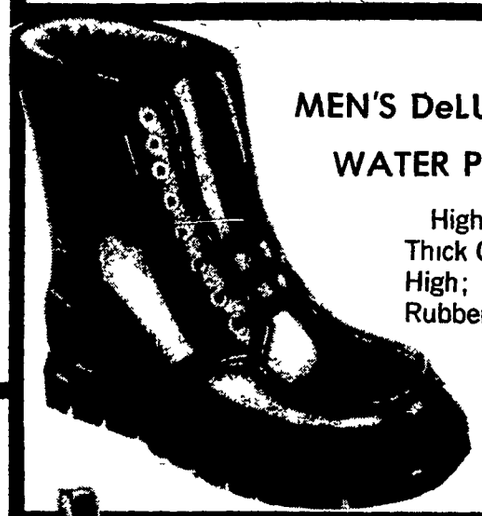

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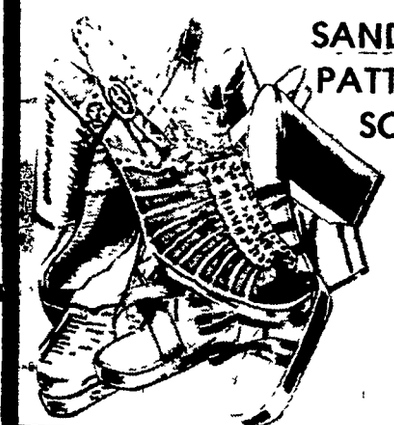

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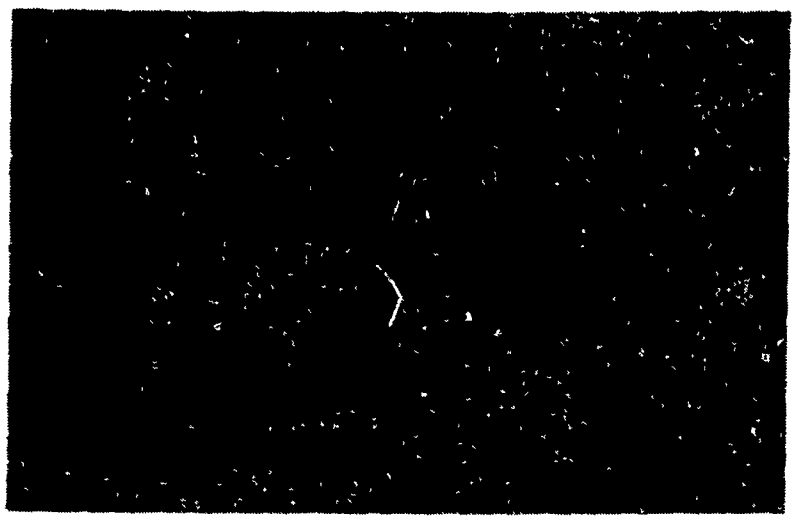


Lancaster Countians Show True Christmas Spirit

By Sally Bair
Feature Writer

The true Christmas spirit is alive and well in Lancaster County, and because of it some 900 children will have a brighter, happier Christmas holiday.

The beneficiaries of the generosity of the Lancaster community are the children of families involved in the Expanded Nutrition Education Program conducted by the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service.

On Thursday evening these children, ages 3-15, gathered at the Edward Hand elementary school to watch movies, sing traditional carols and enjoy a hearty Santa who helped distribute gifts.

They were obviously thrilled and delighted as they got a head start on celebrating Christmas which would have been very meager for them had it not been for the giving spirit of others.

A party was given Wednesday in the Columbia area, and although the one scheduled for the Quarryville area was cancelled due to the snow the toys are being distributed.

According to Tillie Gibson, extension nutrition aide supervisor, the idea of hosting these children at a Christmas party was conceived last year at Christmas by the aides who work directly with low-income families in the county. They realized that many children in their program families had not been reached by existing programs such as Toys for Tots. Since there is no money in the ENEP budget to allow for Christmas parties, the aides were told that the only way it would be possible would be to get donations. And get donations they did!

The actual work for the party began in October with aides Ponnie Patterson and Gladys Brubaker spearheading the effort They contacted local businesses, banks and candy manufacturers and came up with enough gifts and stocking stuffers to make this Christmas a very happy one for the children.

Even fabric stores were able to get in on the act - they contributed the fabric necessary to make all those stockings! A group of Mennonite women contributed the time necessary to sew 115 of the stockings, and the aides sewed the remainder and stuffed them all with loving care

Farm Women Societies contributed a lion's share by donating mittens and money to purchase mittens for the children

Mayor Thomas Monaghan contributed $100 to the fund, but even better than that, he showed his deep concern and interest by attending the party Thursday.

Getting the donations of money, merchandise, candy and oranges took quite a lot of shoe leather and time, but that was only the beginning. Since the party was "by invitation only" for children of over 500 program families, the aides knew just who would be there and what their wants and needs might be. Just imagine the logistics of deciding who gets which doll or truck for 900 children! To make sure there would be no disappointed children the aides made lists and checked them twice - and sometimes three times.

Stuffing stockings for that many children is no small matter either. Toys, coloring books, candy and oranges were all carefully divided among those attending. The aides spent a day filling those stockings.

And what kind of Christmas party would it have been without Christmas cookies? The aides baked and baked, and one aide baked 500 cookies herself! They ended up with a "table full" of cookies. Most of the work for the party was done on their own time, Mrs. Gibson points out.

The delighted children were not the only ones who benefited from the party. Mrs. Gibson said, "Lancaster County really went all out. It was a total county effort, and the total county will benefit. These kids would have gotten very little for Christmas. Many are really in need."

Nutrition Assistant Lynda Lueck said, "This is a first and we hope it will set the scene for an annual affair of this kind. The program we offer for the kids is mostly in the summer so this brings them together for an event in the winter." She added, "It gives us a chance to reach kids in the outlying regions of the county, since city kids are usually covered through other programs at Christmas."

"The cooperation has been really magnificent," she said, citing the contributions of the business community and Farm Women Societies which made the party possible.

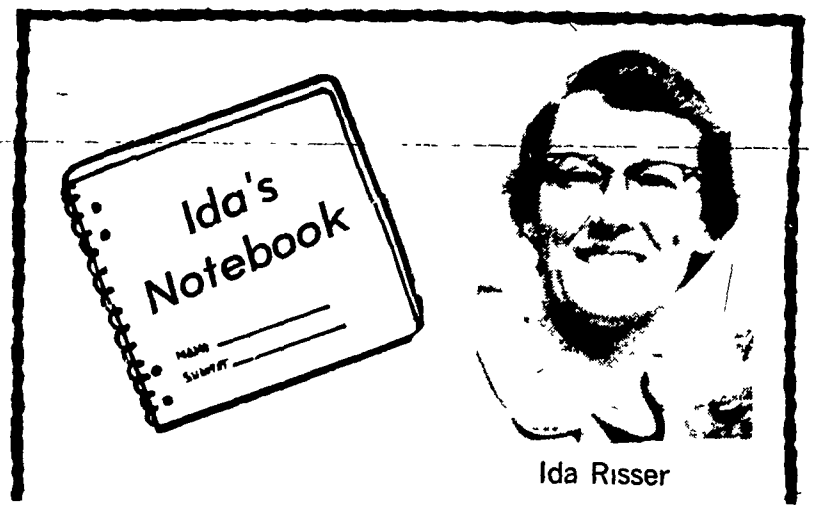
The 14 aides who developed and carried out the party plans are Miriam Beiler, Judith Hessen, Dorothy S, Kreider, Glenn Feito, Susan Jane Work, Sarah Ann Laing, Bonnie Rudisill, Romaine Morrow, Myrna Cosme, Iris Navarro, Gladys Brubaker, Maria Piece, Bernice Wright, and Ponnie Patterson. Home Economist Doris Thomas coordinated the efforts along with Mrs. Gibson and Miss Lueck.

The aides were on hand Thursday evening to keep things moving smoothly, but handing out gifts to that many children requires a lot of helpers for Santa. So leaders and members of the Good Use 4-H Club pitched in to see that each child was taken care of, and parents and homemakers assisted where needed.

Seeing the shining faces of children and the satisfied look of fulfulled adults makes you feel that through this effort the extension nutrition aides showed that there is plenty of that good old fashioned Christmas spirit still in the hearts of Lancaster Countians.

Merry Christmas!

Nutrition aides Judy Hessen (l) and Romaine Morrow (center) work with Tillie Gibson to fill some of the hundreds of stockings needed for their Christmas party.



Ida Risser

It's getting nearer to that magic day – Christmas. The cards have been mailed, the many kinds of cookies baked, the gifts gaily wrapped and the tree decorated.

Now we need a family gathering to make all of our efforts worthwhile. We expect to have everyone here this season, including Nancy who plans to fly from Seattle, Wash. Maybe we'll have snow for her as that is an unusual occurance on the coast.

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We have an added attraction in our home this wintertide. Since we had a damper installed in our chimney, we look forward to many a cozy evening in front of our old corner fireplace. The brass andirons are in place and we have a small pile of applewood cut.

Sitting by the fire with its flickering shadows causes one to remember Abraham Lincoln and how he read his books by its dim light. But the day after, when I sweep up the cinders and ashes, then I think of Cinderella, the household drudge. Really though, I do enjoy the smell of woodsmoke and the comfortable glow of a well-laid fire.

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Music can certainly set the mood. It's nice to address Christmas letters while listening to carols on the stereo. Recently, we heard of chorus of over 80 voices present Handel's Messiah in our High School. It was a tremendous performance.

I imagine some people would be shocked to hear O. Henry, the famous author, say "not being afflicted with a taste for music, I let the system of noises drift past my ears," Thank goodness not everyone feels that way.

Farm Women Societies

Society 3

Members and children of Farm Women Society 3 were entertained at the Christmas party held December 15 at the Fellowship Hall of Swamp UCC. Mrs. Harold E. Stuber was hostess.

Mrs. Clarence Stauffer was in charge of the business meeting, after which Mrs. Harold Fry gave a report on the services available from the Ephrata Public Library. Mrs. Fry also furnished entertainment with a "Story Time". She is a librarian in the Ephrata Area School.

Santa Claus visited and gave each child a gift. There was also a gift exchange among the members, with a social hour and refreshments.

Delegates to the Farm Women Society State Convention at the Harrisburg Forum on January 7 and 8 are Mrs. Jesse Balmer, Mrs. Walter Shaub and Mrs. Harold E. Stuber.

Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. Harvey Gehman, and Mrs. Clarence Stauffer will visit the group's adopted patients at the Hamburg State Hospital for Christmas.

Beginning with the first meeting in 1974, all meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. instead of 2:00.

Members will serve at the snack bar in the Ephrata Community Hospital December 28.

In cooperation with Society 2, a visit will be made to Conestoga View with a treat and entertainment for the guests.

Society 14

Farm Women Society 14 members and husbands enjoyed their Christmas banquet held December 12 at Harvest Drive Restaurant.

Howard Combs led the singing of Christmas carols. The program for the evening was Mrs. Whilfield, her son Jeffrey and two other members from the Youth for Christ group, singing carols.

Mittens were donated for the Welsh Mt. exchange program, and there was an exchange of Christmas gifts.

On January 3 Society 14 will sew at the Lancaster General Hospital from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Delegates for the Farm Women's State Convention in Harrisburg will be Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. John Groff and Mrs. Everett Newswanger.

The next meeting will be held January 16 at the home of Mrs. Leon Thomas, 217 Willow Street Pike, with sewing from 10 to 2.

Farm Women Calendar

Tuesday, December 25
Merry Christmas

Thursday, December 27

1 p.m. - Farm Women Society 24 bowling party, Blue Ball Lanes.

Friday, December 28

Farm Women Society 3 to serve at the Snack Bar, Ephrata Community Hospital.

Saturday, December 29

1:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 5 Christmas party.

Farm Women Society 4 meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Greider, covered dish luncheon and Christmas party.

Shortage

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labor, when it's available, is costly.

Other areas are feeling the pinch, too. Messick said he'd received calls in the past week or so from a pair of New York farmers and one in Virginia who wanted to buy tractors. He just sold a combine to a man from New Jersey.

Asked if parts were a problem, Messick said, "No, but we're just now beginning to see a lot of backorders on our invoices and it seems to be getting worse."

Park Lefever, who bought the L. H. Brubaker, Inc., dealership in Lancaster last August, said parts were getting to be a problem with him, too. In fact, 40 percent of their most recent parts order was put on backorder. Lefever says he could sell more equipment if he could get it from the manufacturers. "New Holland has told us they won't give us any more balers even if we show them signed orders. Allis Chalmers tractors are hard to get, too. Especially the 100- to 150-hp models."

But worse than all that, Lefever said, is the baler twine situation. "Last year, Portugese sisal twine was $8 for a 10,000-foot bale," Lefever said. "This year, if we can get it, it'll be selling for $18 or more. We just got a letter from the manufacturer saying they're upping our price on a bale by another dollar. The supply of plastic twine isn't quite as tight, but that's running to $14 to $16 a bale, too."

Equipment availability is being hurt by a shortage of component parts. Lefever noted that forage boxes he has on order haven't been delivered because the maker can't get the gearboxes they need to complete the wagons.

A lack of component parts is creating a series of bottlenecks in the farm equipment industry, and there doesn't appear to be an easy way out of the situation. "We have machines that are 90 percent complete, but we can't finish them because we don't have flywheels, or knives, or castings," we were told by a spokesman for New Holland.

Thomas Beaver, New Holland's vice-president and general manager for North American operations, said in a prepared statement on the equipment shortage, "Our dealer inventories have been reduced to the lowest level we've seen in many years, and with shortages facing our suppliers - just as they face us - we'll have difficulties meeting demands for equipment.

"We're experiencing some challenges due to a shortage of materials necessary in our manufacturing operations, especially steel, fasteners and castings," Beaver said. "V-belts and knives, important components in hay harvesting equipment, are also in tight supply."

Beaver pointed out that it's impossible to be specific on delivery time of machinery to farmers because of the many uncertainties that can enter into the picture. "The earlier a farmer gets his order in, the better his chance of getting his machine when he needs it," he concluded.

C. B. Hoober, an IH dealer from Intercourse, said his inventory of manure spreaders was down to five the day we talked to him. Hoober said he tried to get 14 more spreaders, but he just wasn't able to. He said his tractor sales will probably be way down for the coming season, too, simply because he won't be able to get the equipment. "Western farmers are buying everything in sight," Hoober said. "Kansas City is a real hot spot right now, and I understand they've ordered 2500 IH tractors for delivery there next year."

Hay tools and parts supplies are presenting no problems to Hoober at the present. He predicts the used equipment business will "go wild".

"Used equipment is getting harder to find," we were told by Lloyd Wenger, of Wenger Farm Machinery in Myerstown. Wenger specializes in used equipment. He buys some locally, but a lot of the things he sells are picked up on buying expeditions to equipment auctions in the Midwest. "We'd like to get plows, discs and tractors," Wenger said. "When we go out West, we're used to coming back with 20 tractors. Last week we came home with just three."

Short supply and strong demand have driven used equipment prices up terrifically, Wenger commented. "Usually, at this time of the year we're buying more tractors than we're selling. Last week we sold 22 tractors and bought eight. Last year at this time we had over 200 farm tractors and now we have half that. My advice to any farmer who's in the market for equipment is to buy as soon as he can, because availability is going to get worse."

Equipment shortages are nothing new to horse farmers, according to Arthur Good from A.B.C. Groff in New Holland. "They don't make any more horse drawn disc harrows," Groff said, "and there's hardly anything else made, either, for horses. Our customers have been adapting smaller tractor-drawn implements and fixing up their old things, but it's getting worse for them all the time."

Good noted that they are getting more advance orders than ever before, and expects that by spring many farmers will find themselves scrounging for equipment. In his opinion, Good says, "Nobody's hurting that badly that they can't get equipment if they want it. And buyers can still afford to be a little bit choosy about the equipment they get."

Gary Shotzberger, of Shotzberger's in Elm, said they'll have tractors in 1974, but 80 percent of the John Deere tractors they're going to get have already been sold. "Our two biggest models are sold out already, and the rest may be sold by January," Shotzberger said. He said they didn't get as many corn planters as they wanted, but so far, their parts situation was looking good.

Frank Mohler told us, "Everybody is going to have problems because demand is outrunning supply." Mohler is with Adamstown Equipment, Inc. "Our parts department isn't in any trouble. But tractor shipments are slow. Even our consumer products - lawn tractors - are coming in behind schedule."

In Chicago, W. H. Stone, research director for the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, said, "Farmers aren't exactly dying for tractors. They bought 195,000 tractors this year, compared to 150,000 last year, which was more like a normal year. But, if a farmer wants to be prudent, he'll get his equipment order in right away. The manufacturers are going to have all winter to play catch-up."

He also echoed the almost unanimous feeling throughout the industry that if a farmer wants a piece of equipment, he'd better place his order early.

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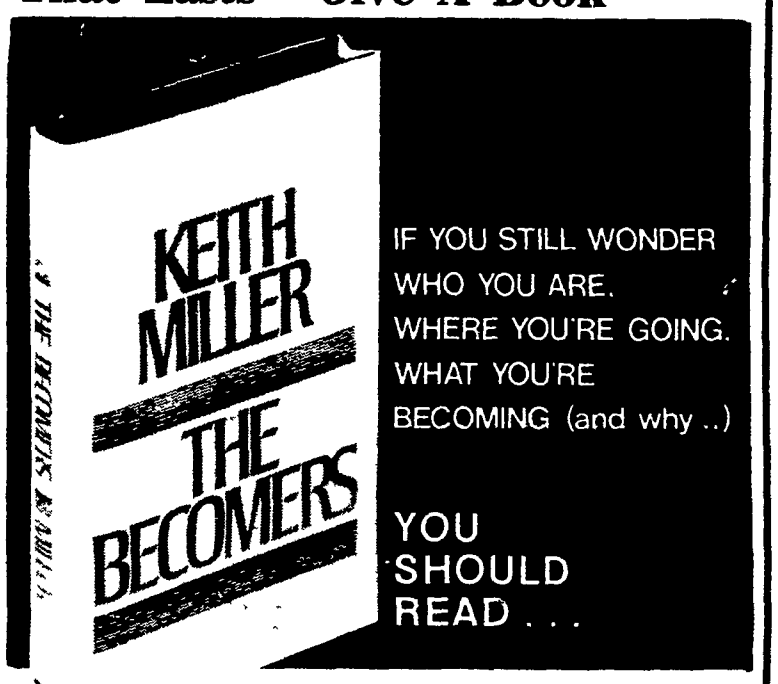

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Send your recipes – perhaps you have some ideas for leftover holiday foods – to "Recipes" Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 266, Lititz, Penna. 17543.

Mince Pie

1 gallon meat
1 gallon apples
Grind meat and pared apples.
Add:
1 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons cinnamon
2 tablespoons cloves
2 tablespoons nutmeg
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1 quart apples (grated)
1 teaspoon salt
1 quart brown sugar
1 cup raisins
1 pint cherries
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 lemon and 1 orange (ground)

Mix everything together and use a pint to a pie. You can refrigerate or cook about 10 minutes and put in jars and seal what you don't use right away. Makes delicious pies.

Rachel Hoover
Bowmansville

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Walnut Cream Cake

This recipe is from the Pennsylvania Dutch Country and was originally made with black walnuts:

3 cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 eggs
1 container (8 ounces) heavy cream
1 cup finely chopped black or regular walnuts

Line the bottom of a 10 inch aluminum anglefood cake pan with wax paper.

Bake in preheated 350 degree oven about one and one-fourth hours.

This cake is delicious served plain, but if you prefer, you may spread the top with a thin butter cream frosting, letting it drip down the sides.

Store in a tightly covered tin box.

Mrs. Floyd Fenstermacher
Fleetwood RD2

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Walnut Wafers

2 eggs
½ pound brown sugar
½ pound walnut meats (chopped)
3 even talbespoons flour
Pinch of salt
¼ teaspoon baking powder

Beat eggs until light. Add brown sugar (rolled fine), nut meats, flour, salt and baking powder. Drop by teaspoons full on buttered pans. Bake till brown, Delicious - a recipe of great-grandmother's.

Ada Stauffer
Ephrata RD2

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Oatmeal Nut Pie

3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup sugar
1 cup molasses
1 cup milk
1 cup uncooked, quick oatmeal
1-3 cup butter or margarine, melted
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-3 cup chopped nuts

Mix together all ingredients and pour into a nine inch unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes.

Mrs. Elvin Zimmerman
New Enterprise RD1

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Pumpkin Nut Pie

1-3 cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup mashed pumpkin
¼ cup melted butter
1 cup walnuts or pecans
3 beaten eggs
¾ cup light corn syrup

Beat together eggs, sugar, pumpkin and salt - stir in butter, nuts and syrup. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 375 degrees 45 minutes or longer. Makes one pie.

Elizabeth M. Burkholder
Ephrata RD2

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Caramel Popcorn

7 quarts popped corn
2 cups brown sugar
½ cup molasses
1 cup butter
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, molasses, butter. Cook until slightly thick. Add vanilla, soda and salt. Pour over popcorn. Mix well. Bake for two hours in a warm oven, stirring occasionally.

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Fruit Juice Whip

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
½ cup cold water
¼ cup sugar
1½ cups fruit juice

Sprinkle gelatin over cold water in sauce pan. Place over low heat, stir constantly until gelatin dissolves (about three minutes). Stir in sugar and juice. Pour into a narrow mixing bowl and chill, stirring occasionally until mixture is almost set and very lumpy. Beat until foamy and tripled in volume. Chill.

Catherine Shirk
Ephrata, RD3

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Ham Loaf

1½ pounds ham, finely ground
¾ pound ground fresh pork

Grind pork and ham together.

2 eggs
¾ cup milk
¾ cup fine bread crumbs
1 tablespoon Worsestershire sauce

Mix the above ingredients all together.

Glaze

1 cup brown sugar
1 scant tablespoon dry mustard
½ cup white vinegar
½ cup water

Boil syrup for five minutes and pour over loaf. Bake at 300 degrees for two hours, basting frequently

Mrs. John Seifert
Elizabethtown

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Real Mincemeat Pie

¼ pound ground beef
3 medium cooking apples, peeled and finely chopped
¾ cup packed dark brown sugar
½ cup dark seedless raisins
½ cup apple juice or cider
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1½ teaspoons grated orange peel
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ cup brandy or dark rum
Pastry for two pie crusts.

About three hours before serving· In large saucepan over medium high heat, heat to boiling all ingredients except brandy and pastry, stirring occasionally Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 30 minutes. Stir in brandy

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Put crust in bottom of nine inch pie plate, add mincemeat mixture and top with a lattice top.

Bake 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve warm Makes six servings.

To reheat: Cover pie with foil and bake at 425 degrees F for 20 minutes.

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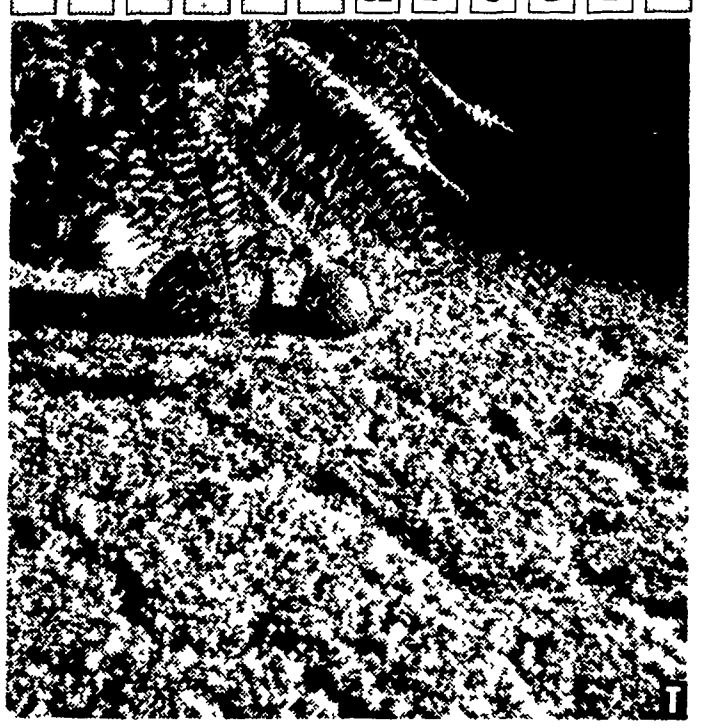

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Doris Thomas

Taking Christmas Gradually

Christmas Day, 3:00 p.m., the turkey is gone, the gifts unwrapped, parents look exhausted, and the children are looking for something to do. Everything is over and what a let down. There must be a way to have Christmas last a little longer, and prevent this big letdown.

Here are some suggestions that could help you and your family enjoy Christmas a bit longer.

Don't open all the gifts at once. Spread out the "giving," for example· open some gifts Christmas Eve, on Christmas morning, after the big dinner or in the evening.

Select toys that can be used over and over again. If the toys a child receives are the type that don't break easily or can provide many play situations, and, in general, keep the child playing with them for hours, the child won't put them aside right away and start looking for something else to do

Plan activities for Christmas Day that don't involve getting gifts so that there are other things to look forward to. You might prepare some special food for the smaller meal of the day. Invite someone over who would otherwise spend the day alone. Attend a special church service. Sing favorite Christmas songs or listen to a favorite Christmas story.

Look into Christmas traditions that involve children in the days after Christmas--the twelve days of Christmas, New Year's or Epiphany.

Think about starting some traditions of your own for the days after Christmas. You could plan a Children's Christmas party; visit close friends and see their gifts, celebrate Christmas again using customs of another culture, country or family; plan the large family gathering for a date after Christmas

The big letdown after Christmas may not be so great if things are done gradually with less rush Adults, as well as children, can benefit from some of these suggestions The Christmas spirit should be present all year long. These are some ways to keep it alive for a while longer.

About Stain Removers

Although some stains require only one type of stain remover, frequently you need to use two or more In fact, it's wise to keep three general types of removers on hand--soaps or detergents, solvents and bleaches.

Water, or water with a detergent added, is the most useful solvent for many nongreasy stains. Water is the only solvent that is neither flammable nor poisonous.

Acetone, amyl acetate, alcohol and turpentine can be used for stubborn nongreasy stains. But don't use acetone or nail polish remover on acetate, triacetate or modacrylic fibers because they will "melt" the fibers.

Carbon tetrachloride, perchloroethylene and trichloroethylene are nonflammable grease solvents. All are poisonous and must be used in a well-ventilated place.

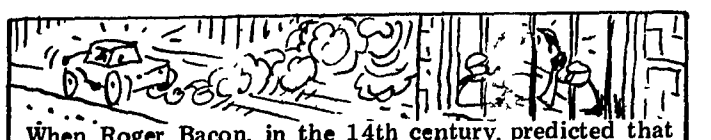
Soaps and synthetic detergents will remove many nongreasy stains and almost all greasy stains. Acting as a lubricant, detergents coat insoluble particles so they are easily rinsed out of the fabric. Concentrated detergents, such as liquid synthetic shampoo are easy to work into the fabric and easy to rinse out.

Bleaches are widely used in stain removal. They remove color from the stain making it invisible. Because a bleach may damage fibers and fade dyes, carefully flollow the -directions for its use.

Steam press the garment or article you are working on only when you are sure the spot has completely disappeared and is thoroughly dry.

Removing Candle Wax

When treating a wax-stained fabric, Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Extension clothing specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, suggests you apply ice to make the wax solid. Then scrape with a table knife. Put paper towels on both sides of the fabric and press with a warm iron. If color remains, sponge the spot with a grease solvent



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Chester Co. 4-H'ers Hold Annual Meeting

Chester County Holstein Club held it's annual meeting on November 16 at East Brandywine Fire Hall, Gunthriesville with 90 persons present.

Art Hershey, Jim Shaw and David Weaver were elected as new directors for a three-year term.

Les High, Youth Chairman, presented the following awards to the youths excelling in 4-H Dairy Shows throughout the year. The first year member award went to Alan Mason. Junior Division Award to Carol Yeager and Senior Division award to Steve Mason. Wendy Shaw received Grand Championship Award and Barry Hostetter had Reserve Championship. The Junior Showman-Fitter Award was captured by Susan Pepple and Stanley Guest received the Senior Showman-Fitter Award. Joyce Weaver's Holstein brought her the Milk Production Award.

State Director, John Umble, brought the members up to date on what is happening on the State Association. He announced that April 5, 1974 was date for the State Calf Sale and urged the members to participate.

The regular bi-monthly directors meeting was held at Don Hostetter's, Sadsburyville, on December 12. Don Hostetter was reelected president at this time. Other officers are vice-president, James Shaw; secretary-treasurer, Bob Pepple; sales representative, Don Hostetter: Youth chairman, Les High; news reporter, Art Hershey; and show chairman, Newton Evans.

What's New?

Even rotary engines, hailed as the newest on the roads, are up dated revisions of an old concept Rotary-powered cars were built in Dubuque, Iowa from 1904 until 1914 Many fighter planes in World War I flew with rotary engines

Bit and Bradoon 4-H'ers Schedule Field Trip

The Bit and Bradoon 4-H Club held their December meeting at Manor View Acres. A Christmas party was planned for the week after Christmas. Last minute details were discussed and committees were assigned.

At the beginning of the meeting the secretary's and treasury reports were read and project reports were recited by each member of the Club.

A field trip to Wood Gait Farm in Maryland was decided. This trip is to be held in late January Transportation will be provided by 4-H mothers and leaders. Profits from the Horse Show held last spring will be used to fund the party and the field trip

Because the Bit and Bradoon is a new club, project books were handed in, with two first prizes reported.

A junior treasurer was appointed until elections, which will be held soon.

The meeting was closed with a second motion. The next meeting will be held at Winpenny's on January 13 at 4:30 p.m.

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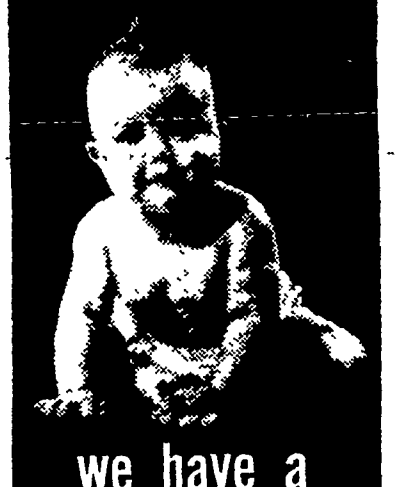

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Keister, O'Brien in New Positions

The appointment of John S. Keister, 149 Roosevelt Blvd., as director of market development for Sperry New Holland with worldwide responsibilities was

John Keister

announced recently by company president, Kenneth F. Thompson.

Keister will be succeeded as director of product development for North America by Paul O'Brien who will return to the U S. from Brussels, Belgium, where he has been marketing director of the company's European Division

Adriano Casella, marketing manager for the company in Italy, will succeed O'Brien with

Paul O'Brien

marketing responsibility for continental Europe, the United Kingdom, Africa and the Middle Eastern countries He will be located in the Sperry New Holland European Marketing Headquarters in Brussels

All three assignments are effective January 1, 1974.

In his new position, Keister will report to President Thompson and will be responsible, on a worldwide basis, for evaluating and recommending appropriate actions for the company in new markets and new product areas as well as the expansion of existing products. He will also provide assistance to all operating divisions in the management of their marketing functions and be responsible for future acquisitions by the company

As product development director, O'Brien will be in charge of the development of market plans for existing product lines, providing new and improved equipment in the agricultural product area and investigating new opportunities for diversification He will report to Howard A Downey, Vice President for Marketing, North America

Keister joined the company in 1948 as a sales correspondent. In 1950 he was promoted to sales representative and in 1958 to district manager, where he served until 1964 when he was named product manager. In 1967, Keister became marketing services director and in 1969 regional manager. He was named to his present position in 1971.

A native of Shippensburg, Pa., he studied business administration and accounting at Franklin & Marshall College and the Pierce School of Business Administration.

He is married to the former Martha Heim of Perry County, Pennsylvania. They have four children.

O'Brien joined Sperry New Holland in 1950 and has served in numerous positions throughout the company. In 1964 he was named international marketing manager and was appointed director of the European Marketing Center in 1969. Two years later he was named marketing director of the European Division.

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, O'Brien is a graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and Villanova University.

He is married to the former Florence Stork of Lancaster. They have four children.

Sweet Corn Abundant

Santa Claus is getting competition from Lady Bountiful as Christmas approaches The Good Lady has produced an abundant supply of fresh Florida sweet corn . . enough to stock markets east of the Mississippi at least through late December, reports the U S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

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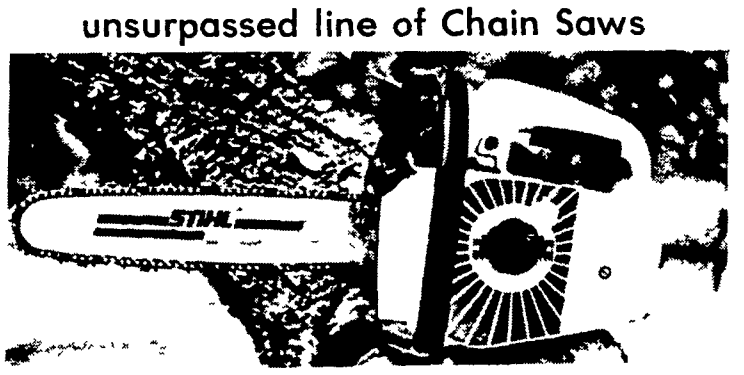

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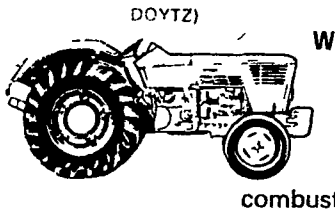

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The award was presented by Edwin Sauder, RD1, Manheim, Area Field Supervisor, at the Cooperative's annual Christmas banquet for employees and directors held December 14 at the Good 'n Plenty Restaurant.

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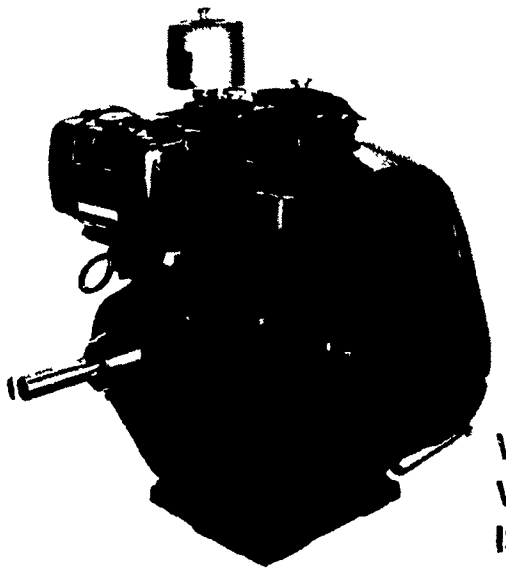

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"Handbook for the Home," the new Yearbook of Agriculture, "suggests ways that families can live fuller, more secure, and more satisfying lives, and helps them avoid costly pitfalls of all kinds," the secretary says in a Foreword to the volume.

"It gathers a great wealth of consumer material into some 400 compact pages, and is a book for families. It centers around the home – whether home is a suburban house, a country place, or a city apartment."

"The more knowledgeable consumers this nation has," Secretary Butz notes, "the better will be our way of life."

"Handbook for the Home" is hardback, contains 78 chapters, more than 190 photographs, and is based mainly on federal or state research. It is on sale for $5.70 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Each member of Congress has a limited number of copies for free distribution to constituents.

The Agriculture Department has no copies for public distribution or sale.

Major sections of the book are:

—Families -- which includes among its subjects living costs, records, money management plans, nutrition, general consumer tips, indoor gardening, and camping and recreational vehicles.

—Dwellings -- including determining what housing you can afford, site selection, financing a home, insurance, legal angles, house plans, foundations and basements, electricity, shade trees, climate control, remodeling, second homes, and making housework easier.

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—Communities -- including how communities work together to stretch resources, guidelines for community services, health, environmental planning, cultural opportunities, outdoor recreation, and water and sewer systems.

"This Yearbook cannot begin to go into full detail on the many sujects it covers," Secretary Butz says in the Foreword. "It can only give highlights. So Suggested Further Reading lists are given at the end of many chapters. The Yearbook's readers are also referred to such valuable sources of information as State Extension services, trade associations, public utility companies, consumer magazines, and consumer columns in newspapers."

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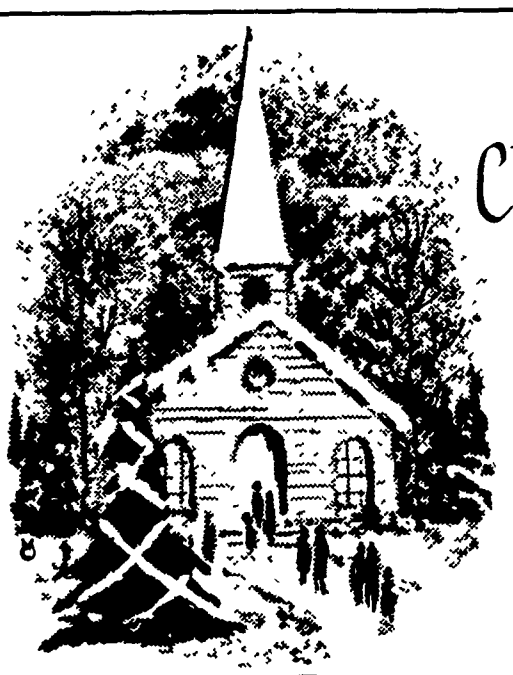
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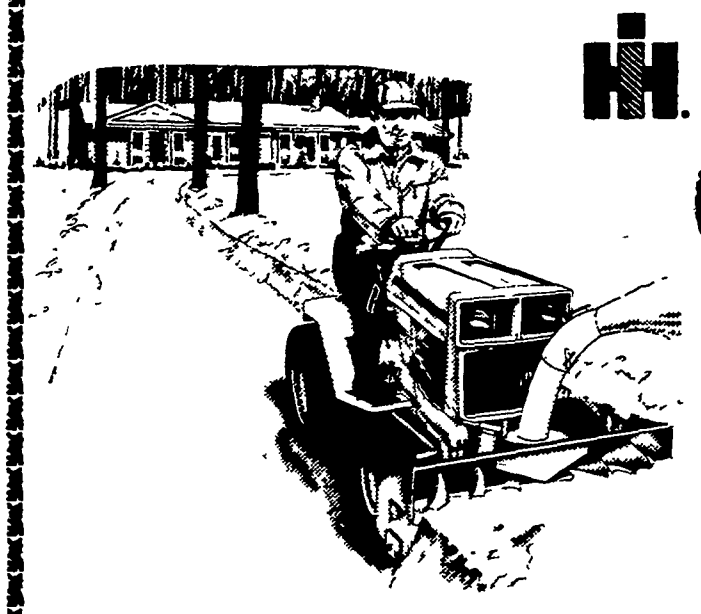

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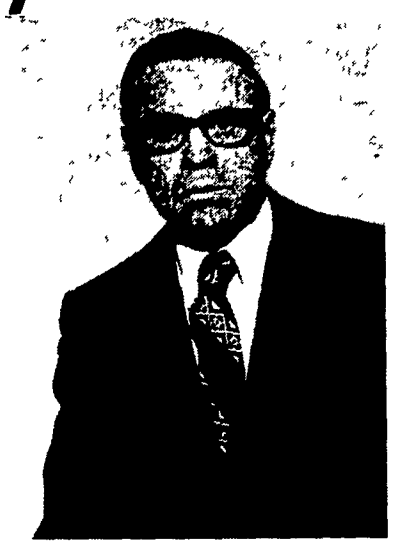
Peifer, Raffensperger Promoted by Pennfield

Martin E. Peifer and Fred C. Raffensperger have been promoted by L. M. Sheaffer Company, Pennfield Corporation's Egg Division. The promotions were announced by Ray Sheaffer, Egg Division processing manager.

Peifer has been named processing plant supervisor for the division. The former assistant supervisor will now be responsible for overall superintendence of the processing labor force. Production scheduling, quality and inventory control will fall under his jurisdiction.

Prior to joining Pennfield, the Lancaster Mennonite School graduate was distribution and hatchery manager for Indian River Poultry Farm. Before that, he was self-employed on his father's farm. Peifer resides in Lititz, RD3 with his wife and four children.



Fred C. Raffensperger

Fred C. Raffensperger has assumed the post of assistant town egg plant processing supervisor. He will assist Peifer.

Before his promotion, Raffensperger was a sales representative for Pennfield. Prior to that, he owned and operated a farm in Biglerville. Raffensperger and his family reside in Biglerville and plan to relocate in Ephrata next spring.

Martin E. Peifer

Potato Crop Shows Higher Yield in '73

The commercial potato crop in Pennsylvania totaled 6 million hundredweight (cwt.) this year, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This is an 18-percent increase from last year's crop.

Acreage harvested was 30,000 both years, so all of the increase in production came about because of higher yield per acre. Average yield was 200 cwt. per acre in 1973, and 170 cwt. in 1972.

The United States 1973 fall crop production forecast of 252.0 million cwt. is up one percent from the 248.8 million cwt. harvested in 1972 but down five percent from the 1971 production of 266.7 million.

The 1973 crop was harvested from 1.07 million acres, five percent more than 1972 but five percent below 1971 acreage. The 1973 average yield per acre is below a year ago in all three major producing regions of the United States, offsetting most of the increase in acreage this year. The U.S. average yield at 236 cwt., compares with 246 cwt. in 1972 and 238 cwt. in 1971.

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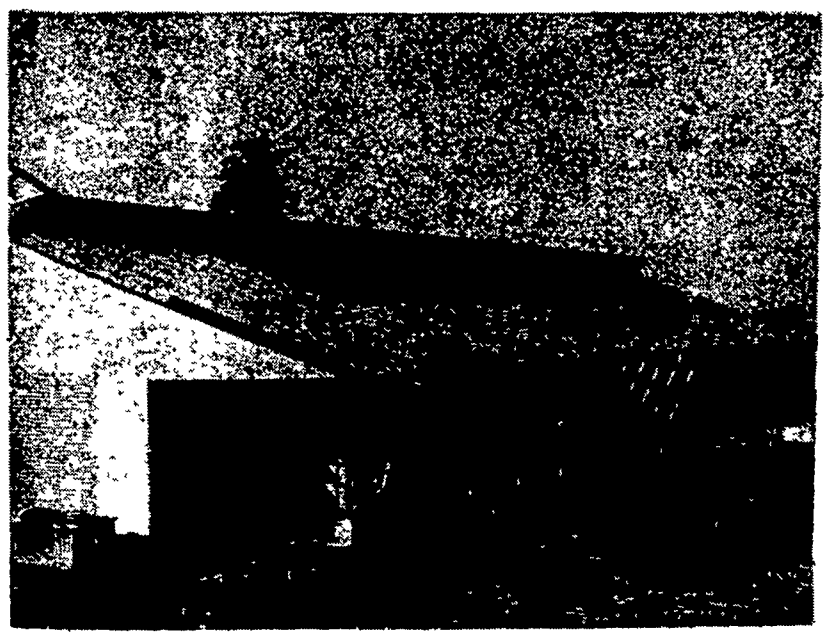

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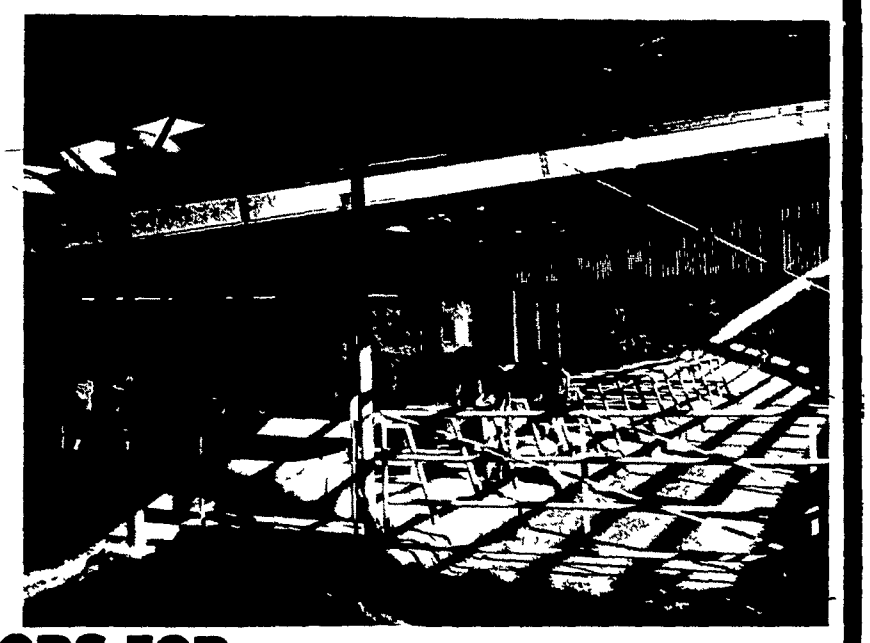

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Fiber Shortages and Prices

Jeans to jersey, petticoats to woolens. When you go to the store this year in search of clothing and yard goods--you may find fewer items to choose from, or wind up paying higher prices for what you do find. The reasons, explains Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Extension clothing specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, are: fashion's whim, new marketing outlets and Mother Nature.

Drastic changes in demand and supply have upset the textile industry. The overall use of fibers by United States mills has increased 55 percent since 1960. And the production of man-made fibers has rocketed 245 percent.

But with the soaring demand for man-made fibers, the supply of raw materials is being depleted. There is now fear of a shortage in elements used to produce nylon, polyester, and acrylics. Manufacturer of some fibers has even been curtailed, according to Mrs. Wilson.

The fashion trend toward man-made fibers was accompanied by a decrease in demand for wool. So sheep producers cut back their herds. Now, with a returning interest in "natural fibers" it will take time to catch up.

When knit fabrics surged ahead in popularity, more looms were made for knits and fewer for woven fabrics. So now with the return to woven materials, there is a shortage of looms and production is delayed.

Another reason for the forecasted increase in textile prices, says the Extension clothing specialist, is the growth in competition for export sales. With devaluation of the dollar, big orders have come in from Japan and England. And, reopening of trade with mainland China, offers a large, new market for U. S. fibers.

And Nature hasn't cooperated either. Spring flooding of the Mississippi River cut cotton planting nearly 30 percent in the rich delta area.

"Mulligan Stew" Returns To TV

"Mulligan Stew" is a six-part television series designed to help young Americans improve their diets. This 4-H TV series is prepared in an entertaining fashion, yet it is both educational and informational, says Jay W. Irwin, Associate County Agent.

While the series is aimed at 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, younger and older children as well as adults might gain valuable information and enjoy seeing it.

Irwin says the showing in this area will be on WGAL-TV8, Lancaster at 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. starting on Saturday, January 5.

Emphasizing "you are what you eat" the programs are filled with rock music, comedy, adventure and information on good nutrition. The program's aim is to help youngsters look good, feel good and do good through better nutrition. The six half-hour programs focus on fun learning activities and projects for individual boys and girls or learning groups.

Young actors do one-liner jokes and street interviews with astronauts and world-famous food authorities and scientists.

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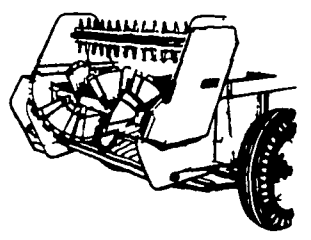

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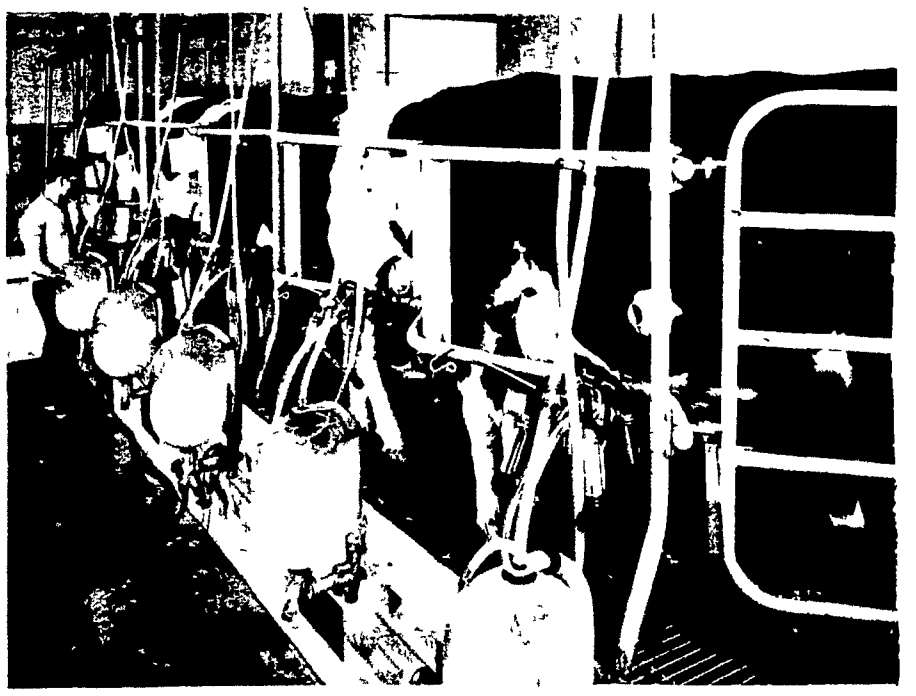

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ED ESHLEMAN'S WASHINGTON REPORT

This year we are reminded of Christmas traditions growing out of simpler times.

An energy crisis has given us a reason to re-evaluate the neon and gaudiness that has come to dominate so much of our modern Christmas celebration.

A distrubed Nation has paused this Christmas to ponder the eternal message of hope that accompanies the holiday. A hymn of the season best expresses that theme with these words: "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

But most of all, we are reminded of the simple surroundings that were so much a part of that majestic event we celebrate at Christmastide -- the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

That birth was fitting for a man who would bring to turbulent times, not the solutions of power, wealth and conquest, but a divine message of love and hope.

Somewhere in the glitter and tinsel we lost sight of some of the Christmas meaning. Among plastic poinsettias and Santa candles, we found it difficult to divorce the true Christmas spirit from Christmas commercialism.

But 1973 is a little different. It is fashionable this year to look to the more basic Christmas traditions, and the experience may serve to restore some of the optimism and faith that have been so battered in recent days.

The people who have decided to forego Christmas lights this year may discover the beauty that persuaded our ancestors to begin decorating in the first place. It is said, for instance, that the decorated Christmas tree tradition is partly of early German origin and was observed as late as 1747 by Moravian settlers in Pennsylvania. It involved decorating shelves of pyramid-shaped stands with candies and apples.

If beauty, once again, can be discovered in simplicity, it may in some small way contribute to a feeling that other sacrifices which involve getting back to basics may not be so painful, either. And on such small beginnings, hope and faith are built.

If we find the time this year to seek out the real joy of Christmas, perhaps optimism will begin to replace fear in our collective minds. For it seems to me that the joy of the season is that the world takes time to reaffirm its faith that, in one way or another, men of good will prevail and move the world toward a brighter future. Therein lies true hope for a nation like ours where men are free to guide their own destinies.

The Christmas wish that my family and I would like to convey to you and yours is one with a long-tradition. Where there is turmoil, may Christmas bring peace; where there is despair, may Christmas bring hope; and where there is sorrow, may Christmas bring joy.

Have a happy holiday!

Use Sharp Tools While Cutting Wood

Be careful while cutting wood this winter, cautions Edward P. Farrand, Extension forester at The Pennsylvania State University. Make sure axe handles are strong and solidly mounted; stop motor of power chain saw while filling with gas. Always carefully follow manufacturers' instructions on handling and use of power saws. Be careful with footing and beware of falling trees.

Give Plants

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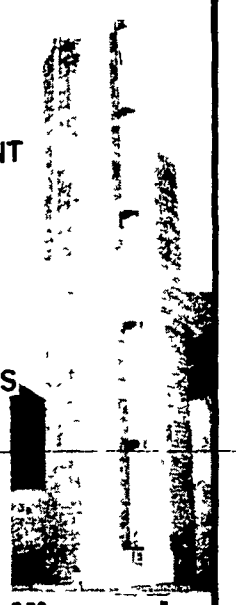

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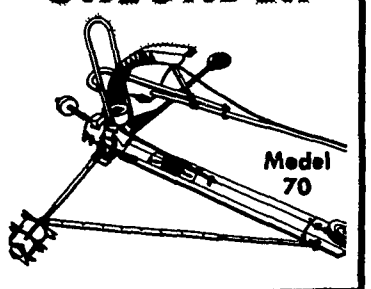

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NOTICE!
The incorrect date appeared in the Alvin H. Martin Sale Ad last week. The correct date is Saturday, December 29.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Registered and High Grade Holsteins
Farm Equipment, Some Household Goods
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1973
AT 11:00 A.M.
Location: Take 501 North from Lancaster to Brubaker Valley Road, take Brubaker Valley toward Elm, turn right at Bradley's Gun Shop onto Oak Lane, first farm on left past second crossroad. Look for sale arrows. Manheim R.D.3, Lancaster County, Pa.
38 Head of Registered and High Grade
HOLSTEIN DAIRY CATTLE
- 25 COWS IN ALL STAGES OF LACTATION
3 HEIFERS DUE IN FEBRUARY, 6 OPEN YEARLINGS
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Public Sales Register

SAT. DEC. 22 - 9:30 A.M. All Day Consignment Sale located on North Maple Avenue, Leola, ½ mile North of Route 23, watch for sale sign. Sale by David H. Good; Frank and Paul Snyder and Robert E. Martin, Auctioneers.

SAT. DEC. 22 - 10 A.M. Public Sale of Farm Machinery, Truck, Grain, Household Goods located on the farm at RD5, Lebanon, Penna. Turn south off Rt. 322 onto Rt. 241 at the Texaco Station east of Fontana and proceed to first hard road left and the first lane to the left. Farm is behind the stone quarry. Rt. 241 south is approx. 4 miles west of Rt. 72. Conditions by Raymond N. and Vera H. Zimmerman; Harry H. Bachman, Auctioneer.

FRI. DEC. 28 - 10 a.m. Complete Dairy and Machinery Dispersal located 5 miles East of Gap, ½ mile South of Route 30 or 1 mile West of Route 10, Chester County, Pa. Watch for Sale Signs. Sale by Paul W. and Anna H. Oberholtzer; R. Kline, N. Martin, Auctioneers.

SAT. DEC. 29 - Public Sale of Dairy Cattle and Farm Equipment located at Manheim RD3, North of Elm, Pa. by Alvin H. Martin; John E. and Paul E. Martin, Auctioneers.

SAT. DEC. 29 - 11 A.M. Holstein Dairy Cow Dispersal of 129 Head Milking Herd at the New Holland Sales Barn, New Holland, Pa. Consigned by J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville, Pa.

WED JAN. 2 - 12 Noon Horse and Mule Sale, 60 head of horses and mules from Ky. Load of driving horses and local horses. Sale by Paul Z Martin, located 2 miles East of Intercourse, Pa. along Route 340.

WED. JAN. 2 - 9:30 A.M. Consignment Sale located on North Maple Avenue, Leola, ½ mile North of Route 23, Lancaster County, Pa watch for sale sign. Sale by David H. Good, Frank Snyder, Robert E. Martin, and C. Wolgemuth, Auctioneers.

SAT JAN. 5 - Feeder Pig Sale located 2½ miles South of Bethel from US 22 and 6 miles North of Myerstown, Pa. along US 501. Sale at 1 30 P M. by Norman M. Martin, RD1, Myerstown, Pa

SAT. JAN. 5 - 11:30 A.M. Public Auction of High Grade Holstein Dairy Cattle, Farm Equipment, Some Household Goods located between Ephrata and Lititz, just outside of Rothsville, along Newport Road, take Newport Road west from Rothsville, first farm on right, Warwick Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Sale by Edwin M. Hoover, Lititz RD4; John E. and Paul E. Martin, Auctioneers.

SAT. JAN 5 - 9:30 A.M. Public Sale of Farm Equipment and Household Goods located 1½ miles northwest of Schaefferstown, along Rt. 897, on the Schaefferstown Road, Lebanon County, Pa. Sale by Warren R. Gibble; C. H. Wolgemuth, Auctioneer.

THURS. JAN. 10 - 10:30 A.M. Alvin Martin Complete Dispersal to be held at the Black & White Sale barn just west of Lancaster, Pa., off Rte. 283. Exit Rte. 283 at Flory's Mill (McGovernville Rd), to dead end, turn left, next right by Flory's Mill, under bridge to barns of Charles Myers. Sale by Alvin Z. Martin, owner, Dillsburg, Pa. Sale arranged by Charles C. Myers; R. Austin Backus, Inc., Auctioneers, Mexico, N. Y.

SAT. JAN. 12 - 10 A.M. Public Sale of dairy cows, Farm Equipment, New Hardware, Household Goods and Antiques located North of Fairmont Rest Home, along Good's Drive near Fiandas Mill, between Hinkletown and Farmersville, Lancaster County Pa. Sale by Daniel Z. Zimmerman; T. Glenn Horst and Paul Horst, Auctioneers.

WED. JAN. 23 - Paul Z. Martin's Farm Equipment Sale located 2 miles East of Intercourse, Pa. along Route 340

MON. & TUES. JAN. 28-29 10 A.M. Two Day Public Sale of Farm Machinery and Construction Equipment located So. Race St., Myerstown, Pa. Sale by Wenger's Farm Machinery, Inc.

FRI. FEB. 15 - 9:30 A.M. Public Sale of Horses, mules, dairy cows and heifers, full line of horse-drawn farm equipment located midway between Greentree and Quarryville, 1 mile south of Route 372 along Hallow Road on farmer King farm. Sale by Christ S. Miller; Abe Diffenbach, Auctioneer.

SAT. FEB. 16 - 11:30 A.M. Public Sale of Good Farm Machinery located along U.S. Route 1, 2 mile southwest of Rising Sun. Maryland. 8 mile south of Oxford, Pa. 6 mile east of Conowingo Dam. Terms by George T. MacDonald, J. Everett Kreider and Carl Diller, Auctioneers.

WED. FEB. 20 - Paul Z. Martin's Farm Equipment Sale located 2 miles East of Intercourse, Pa. along Route 340.

MON. MARCH 4 - Public Sale of Complete Registered Holstein Dairy Herd located 2 miles North of Lebanon just off Rt. 343 on Heffelfinger Road. Terms by Bare Bros.; R. Austin Backus, Mexico, N. Y., Auctioneers.

FRI. MAR. 8 - Public Sale of Farm Equipment, Hardware and Shop Tools located 3 miles north of Churchtown, Pa. Terms by Ivan N. Hoover, Narvon, Pa. Ralph W. Horst, Auctioneer.

WED. MARCH 20 - Paul Z. Martin's Farm Equipment Sale located 2 miles East of Intercourse, Pa. along Route 340.

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COW DISPERSAL

of 129 Head Milking Herd

SATURDAY, DEC. 29, 1973

at 11:00 a.m.
at New Holland Sales Barn,
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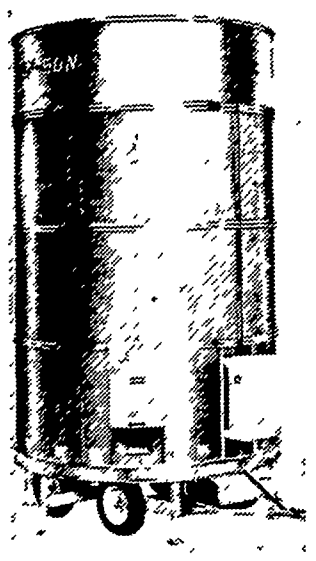

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was actually an enjoyable experience. And, smoking the American variety was like puffing on a dirty furnace

"European cigars are becoming more and more popular with Americans," Nielsen said It's easy to see why He feels that Americans are willing to pay for better American cigars, but they're simply not made. He also feels that even cigars made to sell for a dime can be manufactured entirely of tobacco.

"I sell an all-tobacco cigar for a dime," he said, "and people are very surprised when they know what they're getting. It's made in Red Lion by a small company, and they're obviously making a profit or they wouldn't be in the business. Now, why can't the bigger companies, with all their capital and automation, make a good, all-tobacco cigar for a dime?"

In Nielsen's view, the American cigar industry is suffering from a lack of quality, and if that doesn't change, the whole business will go down the drain. He echoes Agway's Mark Hess in calling on farmers to produce a quality product, and feels the European market is a possible outlet for locally grown tobacco.

"Europeans don't grow tobacco," he commented, "yet they send us our best pipe tobacco and our best cigars. Where do they get the tobacco? They buy it from us. They age it carefully, and they cure it carefully. Then they produce a good product and sell it to Americans for a good price. I'd be just as happy to buy more American products. I'd rather buy American products. But I can't get them because they aren't made."

Nielsen's interest in tobacco began about 22 years ago, he said, when he started to smoke a pipe. He still calls himself a pipe smoker, rather than a cigar smoker. For the past 15 years, Nielsen has been experimenting with blending pipe tobaccos, and his tiny shop is a veritable perfumery of tobacco fragrances, some strong, some sweet, some heady, some subtle

Nielsen lives with his wife and children in Christiana, and quit the printing business last spring to fulfill a long-time dream of owning a tobacco shop. At the Kitchen Kettle, a cluster of small shops, his biggest customers are summer tourists, but he has develped some local trade and mail order business. Mail order buyers especially favor his tencent all tobacco cigars.

Nielsen said he is working on pipe tobacco mixtures that would contain mostly Lancaster County product. He is having a bale of top-quality Type 41 cut and cased by a firm that specializes in that kind of work, and expects to be experimenting with different mixtures throughout the next few months.

How well does the pipe tobacco market pay for its raw material? "Well," siad Nielsen, "I told the man who's doing my cutting that I could get him more of this tobacco for about 75-cents a pound. Know what he said? He said, 'Oh, is that all?'"

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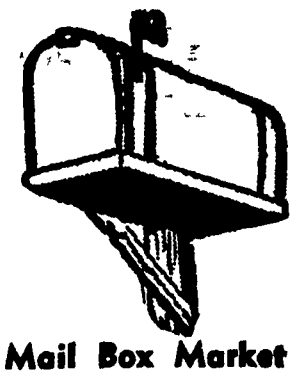

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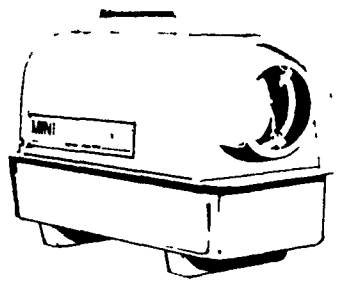

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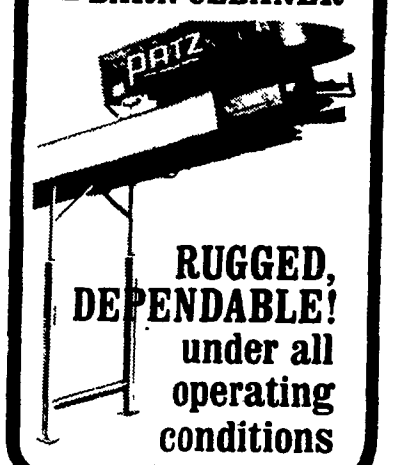

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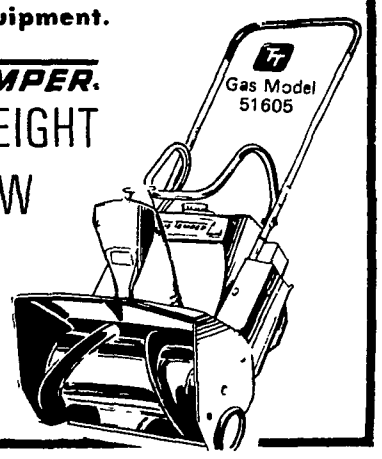

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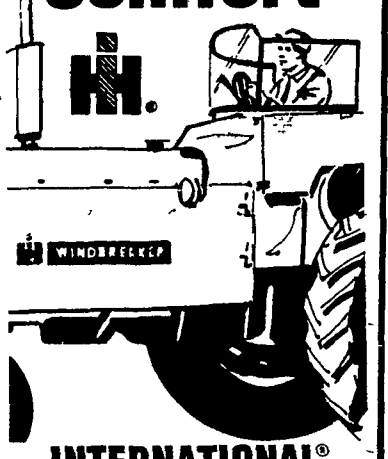

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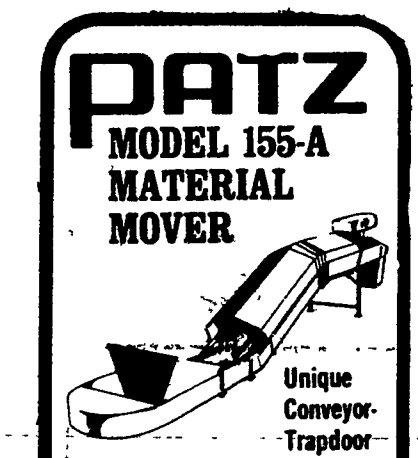

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